

WESTERLING HELD BY SINGAPORE POLICE

Asks Dutch protection as extradition sought ILLEGAL ENTRY CHARGE

Singapore, February 26.

Captain Paul "Turk" Westerling, leader of the Indonesian irregular army, was arrested here today for violating the emergency travel restrictions, it was officially announced.

U.S. military aid for Indo-China

Washington, February 25.

Usually reliable diplomatic sources said today that the French Government has given the United States Embassy in Paris its detailed request for military aid for Indo-China and this should reach the State Department from the Embassy over the week-end.

The sources said the French Ambassador, Mr. Henri Bonnet, left suddenly by air for Paris last night after conferring with the deputy assistant Secretary for European Affairs, Mr. L. Thompson, at the State Department on Indo-China and other matters.

It was understood that Mr. Thompson gave Mr. Bonnet the latest United States views on Indo-China, which includes the desire to do "whatever" possible to help stem Communism there.

In this connection, the Foreign Office in Paris is reported to have informed the State Department that the French authorities in Indo-China have evidence that Chinese Communist forces have already transferred to Ho Chi-minh's Communist forces war materials captured from the Chinese Nationalist armies.

The sources said they received no details of the French request for military aid but believed that the proposed amounts will be large enough to assure French Union forces in Indo-China real results in their fight against Vietnam.

Mobile equipment

It was surmised, therefore, that the amount requested would be at least half of the \$70,000,000 President Truman has available to defend against Communism in the general area of China. The sources believed that the request would include hundreds of trucks and jeeps, numerous landing craft, road machinery and airplanes to make French Union forces fully mobile.

The sources understood that the United States Joint Chief of Staff, in a confidential report to Mr. Truman after a recent inspection trip to Japan, said that military aid should be extended to the French Union forces in Indo-China provided that it was used in such a way as to bring real results. —United Press.

DANISH, SWEDISH ENVOYS IN PEKING

San Francisco, February 26.

Peking radio announced that representatives of the Danish and Swedish Governments arrived in Peking today to hold talks on the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Chinese Communist Government.

The broadcast named the representatives as Mr. Alex Mørch, Danish, and Mr. Ingvar Grønter, Swedish. —United Press.

THE WEATHER

At 5:00 GMT (11 a.m. HKST) the depression has moved to the SE coast of Japan and is continuing to move NE. Another deep depression is located over Hokkaido. More continental anticyclones dominate China, Korea, and the adjacent seas. Today's forecast: Fresh strong locally heavy rain, clouds with fair periods. Tomorrow: Breezy, with fair periods. Maximum: 22°; minimum: 12°. Friday: Partly cloudy with fair periods. Maximum: 20°; minimum: 10°. Saturday: Partly cloudy with fair periods. Maximum: 20°; minimum: 10°. Sunday: Partly cloudy with fair periods. Maximum: 20°; minimum: 10°. —United Press.

The Netherlands Government spokesman promised the use of Dutch troops if necessary to catch the elusive Westerling who insists on maintenance of an autonomous West Java State. Indonesia urges the inclusion of West Java within the borders of a large State.

Westerling's troops are a conglomerate organization and include some Dutch, dissident Indonesians and other units. One of his most successful raids was on Bandoeng, West Java, on January 23.

Westerling was arrested at 1 a.m. by a police party headed by Mr. A. R. McEwan, Assistant Superintendent of the Special Branch, in the Chinese and Eurasian quarters of Singapore. "We just went around and picked him up," a police spokesman said.

The Dutch and Indonesian Consulates were informed of the action and the Indonesian Consul General, Dr. M. Octoyo, said: "I am pleased to hear it. It is a fine example of police work." On the question of extradition, Dr. Octoyo said extradition applies only to criminals, but said he was asking his Government, and expects a reply on Monday.

The Dutch Consul, Dr. A. M. L. Winkelman, refused to make a statement but said if Westerling claims Dutch citizenship he will consult the Dutch Government immediately.

Westerling has claimed Dutch citizenship and has asked the Dutch consulate for protection, a later United Press despatch reported. The police said that, as far as they knew, Westerling's family was not in Singapore and the captain himself was worried about them.

The police believed that the Dutch Consulate's family might still be in Indonesia. They said Westerling was afraid the Indonesian authorities had arrested or could arrest them.

Captain Westerling was surprised at the home of a Chinese in the centre of Singapore and submitted to arrest by a British police officer without resisting, said Reuters.

He confirmed his wife's story that he had gone to Malaya in search of funds and arms for his organization in Indonesia. Westerling was alleged to be carrying a false passport.

Westerling was arrested in Singapore on a charge of entering the colony without proper papers. His wife said last week that he had gone to Singapore to get money and weapons and will return to Indonesia.

Extradition sought

Indonesia has asked Britain to extradite Westerling to Jakarta from Singapore to stand trial for crimes he is alleged to have committed in Indonesia. It was announced today in Jakarta, continues United Press.

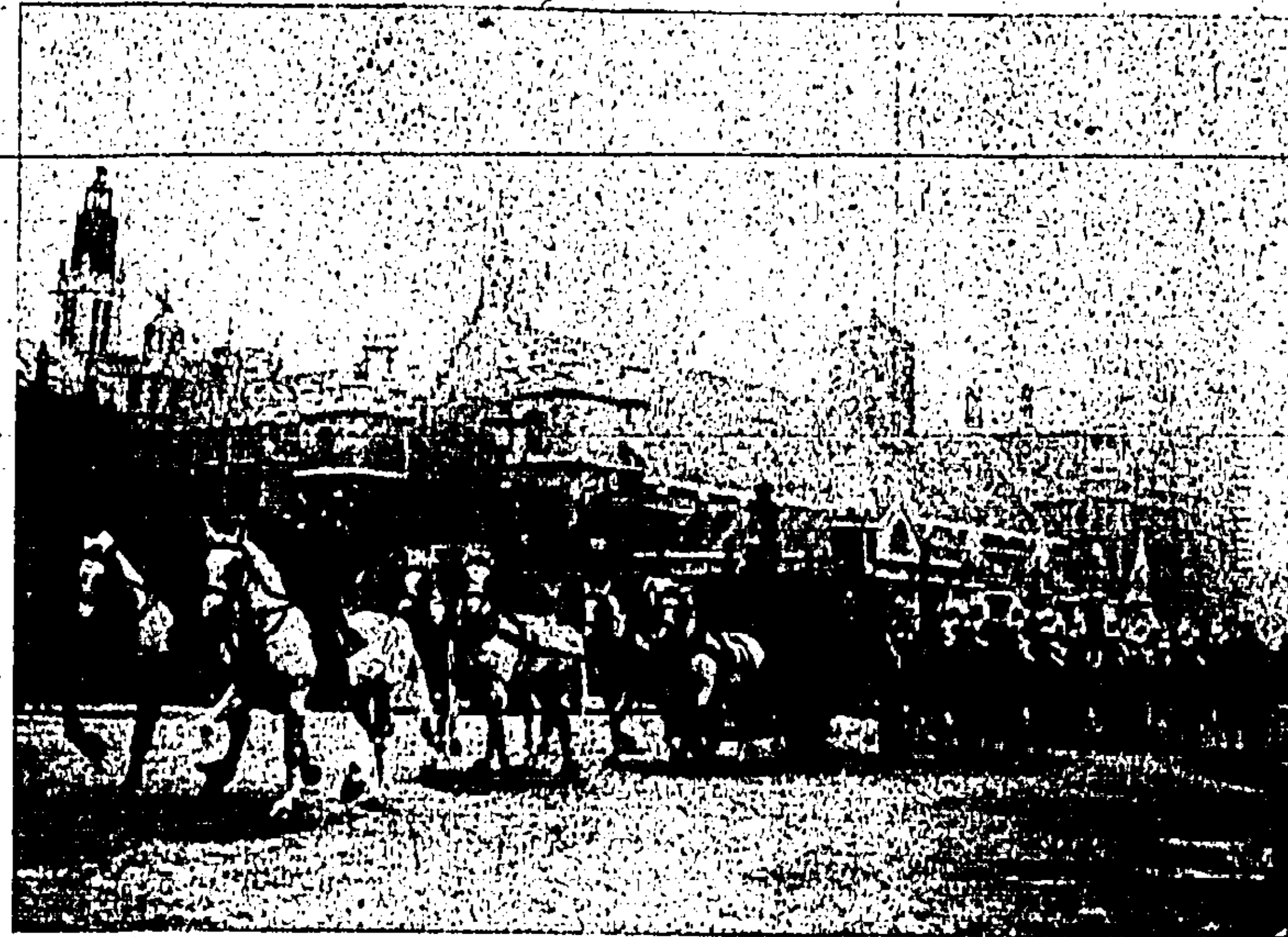
A special Ministry of Interior communiqué said Indonesian officials contacted the British immediately when they suspected Westerling had escaped to Singapore.

High government sources indicated that the rebel leader would face a possible death sentence if Britain extradited him. The charges could range from murder to conspiracy to overthrow the government.

Westerling, Dutch (by citizenship) and Moslem by religion, led a private army on a series of raids against the new Indonesian Republic last month. He captured some towns in West Java and High sources refused to comment further on Westerling or to touch on the possibility of a sensational exposé during the trial. One of the major mysteries here since Westerling developed some towns in West Java and High sources refused to comment further on Westerling or to touch on the possibility of a sensational exposé during the trial.

Wide ramifications are expected if a public trial does develop. Westerling is being held in Singapore under the Colony Emergency Regulations. The Colony Emergency Regulations are being used to hold Westerling in Singapore under the Colony Emergency Regulations. The Colony Emergency Regulations are being used to hold Westerling in Singapore under the Colony Emergency Regulations. —United Press.

Parliament re-opening rehearsal



The famed Irish State Coach, used by Britain's Royal Family on ceremonial occasions, is seen on its way back to London's Buckingham Palace after an early morning rehearsal of the King's drive from the Palace to the re-opening of Parliament. In background are the Houses of Parliament.—A.P. Photo.

KMT planes again bomb Shanghai

Taipei, February 26.

Shanghai yesterday was the target of still another air attack, an official despatch said.

Medium bombers and fighters, it declared, visited the area around Lungwa airfield in the Southern outskirts of the city and shipping in the harbour.

The result was described as good. The raiders, consisting of 22 and P-51s were based on Chusan, the main island of the group of the same name.

Chusan serves the Nationalists as an air-ground-naval base and is the chief point from which the blockade of Shanghai is maintained.

It is considered a vital outpost for the defence of Taiwan. The despatch said other Nationalist warplanes based on this island struck at Communist craft on the coast of Communist-held islands of the Chusan group.

Seventy junks, it claimed, were sunk. (The Nationalists say they hold two-thirds of the Chusan Islands against one-third in possession of the Reds).

The Defence Ministry virtually conceded the loss of Nanchang, one of the mainland seaports of Swatow, opposite Taiwan.

Contact with defenders on this island, it said, was lost at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

Loss of Nanchang will make it harder for the Nationalists to blockade Swatow.

It also deprives them of a base which they claim to have been using to supply Nationalist guerrillas in the seaboard provinces of Fukien and Kwangtung.

Official despatches claimed that Nationalist guerrillas had recently been very active on the Kwangtung-Kwangsi border.

More than 100,000 men, the despatches said, were engaged in guerrilla warfare against the Reds in this area.

They were divided into 11 columns and 23 independent units.

Shumchun raid

The Air Force yesterday reported that, during Friday's raids on the Shumchun area, more than 10 trucks fully loaded with gasoline were burned and one petroleum dump was destroyed.

It said the attackers met intensive anti-aircraft fire yet were able to complete their mission in safety. On their way back they strafed a train North of Shumchun destroying one locomotive and five coaches.

The Air Force claimed that other planes at the same time bombed the Sheklung bridge near Shumchun, causing serious damage.

In Taiwan, the authorities are bent to meet any revenge from the Chinese Communists. A big-scale air-raid precaution exercise will be carried out on Tuesday. —Associated Press and United Press.

Labour gets another seat

London, February 25.

Labour's absolute majority over all other parties in the new House of Commons rose to 10 tonight with the announcement that Labour had won the Scottish Western Isles constituency.

The result was:
K. MacMillan (Labour) 8,387
Wing-Comdr. H. M. Sinclair (Liberal) 6,950
D. Murray (Independent) 425

Labour majority 1,432

—Reuters.

Russians set up Navy Ministry

London, February 25.

The Soviet Union announced tonight that it had set up a Ministry of the Navy for the first time in Russian history.

The announcement broadcast by Radio Moscow came while Russia was reported to be engaged in an all-out effort to build the world's most powerful battle fleet.

The broadcast said that the name of the Soviet Ministry of Armed Forces had been changed to that of the Ministry of the Army of the USSR. It said the step had been ordered in a decree by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet. The Russian Navy previously has operated under the Ministry of the Armed Forces.

Admiral I. B. Yumashev, former deputy Minister of the Armed Forces, was named Minister of the Navy. Admiral Yumashev was listed as a former Naval Commander-in-Chief under the Minister of the Soviet Armed Forces, Marshal Alexander M. Vassilovsky who has advocated a strong Navy.

The announcement of the revision in Ministerial posts came just two days after the celebration of the 32nd anniversary of the Soviet Army, during which military leaders said that Russia was able to defeat any power that dared attack it.

The announcement did not mention who would be the Minister of the Army or whether Vassilovsky would automatically assume that post. —United Press.

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Foreign policy not an issue in British politics

London, February 26.

Informed officials predicted today that Labourites and Conservatives will agree informally to keep major foreign policy questions out of their political warfare.

Neither party headquarters would comment. A broad sphere of co-operation in foreign affairs has existed between the two Parties since 1945. This co-operation is threatened mainly where economic policy is also involved.

Conservatives do not like Labour's programme of repaying war-time debts owing to such nations as India and Egypt. The Labour Government says it has a moral and political obligation to repay these sterling balances.

Conservatives may also attack the Labour Government policy on such issues in Anglo-American relations as:

- (1) The bid for closer atomic relationship;
- (2) Limiting purchases of American oil; and
- (3) The Government's reluctance to join an integrated West European economic unit.

Both disappointed

The results of one of the closest neck-to-neck elections in British history have caused disappointment to both the Tories and the Labour group alike, adds Reuters.

The Tories had gone all out for a decisive vote repudiating the Socialist policy of nationalisation, social welfare and heavy taxation of the "haves" to benefit the "have-nots."

The Conservatives can justifiably claim—indeed all the Tory press is claiming it most vociferously—that they have won a moral victory, by reducing the previous steam-roller majority of the Government of more than 150 to something less than 20.

They are also blaming the intervention of the Liberals, for their narrow defeat at the polls.

The Labour Party, on the other hand, definitely feel disappointed, if not hurt, that the polls had not endorsed their social policy more convincingly.

The Right-wing Press and commentators today canvassed the idea that the majority is so narrow as to be unworkable, particularly in a Parliament from which smaller, "floating" groups have been wiped out. But governments have functioned successfully, for full terms, in Britain with as narrow a margin of majority, and even a minority party has at times held the reins of government.

It says repayment will help keep these countries sound against Communism.

With more than 2,000,000 additional adherents over 1945, the Labour Party can claim that it has the largest number of adherents of any voters were rather "doubting Thomases" who are a little apprehensive about the pace of nationalisation at the present economic stage than supporters of a go-back-to-Tory policy.

Foreign policy

It has been mainly a bread, butter and houses Election on domestic issues. In spite of a

LI TSUNG-JEN

Taipei, February 26.

The Control Yuan yesterday formally introduced a motion to impeach Acting President Li Tsung-jen for neglecting his duties. —Reuters.

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Cricket:

Royal Navy surprise HKCC "Scorpions"

After their fine performance against IRC on Saturday, Hong Kong Cricket Club "Scorpions" disappointed badly yesterday, when they could do no better than draw with Royal Navy in their First Division League cricket game at King's Park.

Royal Navy were definitely unlucky not to take full points, as when stumps were drawn, the "Scorpions" had only been able to muster 80 runs for nine wickets in reply to a total of 128.

Royal Air Force, who were guests of Craigengower Cricket Club at Happy Valley, beat their hosts by 52 runs.

The Inter-Hong game between Jardine's and Dodwell's ended in a win for Jardine's by 90 runs.

Royal Navy—Scorpions
The First Division League cricket match between Royal Navy and Hong Kong Cricket Club "Scorpions" at King's Park yesterday ended in a draw.

Taking first lease of the wicket, Navy knocked out 128 runs, to which R. C. Westfield contributed a valuable 63 runs not out. The only other Navy batsman to reach double figures was L. White, who scored 22.

Weller was the most successful "Scorpion" bowler, taking three wickets for 24 runs. Howarth also took three wickets, but gave away 29 runs.

When it came to their turn to bat, the "Scorpions" found runs most difficult to obtain and when stumps were drawn they had only been able to muster 80 runs for nine wickets. O. J. Kerr (25) and J. P. O'Driscoll (12) were the only two batsmen to stand up to the deadly bowling of L. White, who dismissed six of the "Scorpion" batsmen for 23 runs.

Navy
S. Brown b. Weller 0
R. C. Westfield not out 63
B. H. C. Nation c. Owen-Hughes b. Howarth 0
J. Oxtoby c. Borthwick b. Howarth 0
R. T. White b. Weller 2
R. Morgan b. Howarth 0
D. Uden c. Newton b. Weller 3
J. Venables c. and b. Cull 6
P. Brooker c. Borthwick b. Cull 2
D. Isaacs c. Howarth b. Cull 2
L. White c. Howarth b. Kerr 22
Extras 13

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
Weller 8 1 24 3
Howarth 7 4 29 3
Cull 13 1 42 3
Owen-Hughes 4 1 18 0
Kerr 2 2 1

In an Inter-Hong cricket match at Chater Road yesterday, Jardine's beat Dodwell's by 90 runs.

A feature of the game was the brilliant batting performance of J. B. Hutchison of Jardine's, who knocked out 81 runs before being bowled by Perera.

N. Arthy, opening bat for Dodwell's, also came off well with the bat and hit up a bright 32 before being caught by Sellers off Barton.

The best bowling performance of the match was returned by J. V. Sellers of Jardine's, who captured six Dodwell's wickets for 37 runs.

Jardine's
C. L. C. Blott c. Deveson b. Arthy 13
J. M. Hutchison lbw Perera 81
D. J. Lissanquet b. Holdsworth 26
J. B. Hutchison b. Perera 81
J. V. Sellers c. Deveson b. Holdsworth 1
H. D. Barton b. Perera 15
C. Barclay run out b. Barclay 0
A. Tremlett b. Arthy 9
A. J. Bowden lbw Arthy 0
D. F. Lohdale not out 13
G. M. Mills c. Champ b. Arthy 10
Extras 10

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
Perera 10 2 68 3
Arthy 14 1 66 4
Holdsworth 3 0 17 2
Carter 2 0 21 0
Billey 1 1 0

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Annual Varsity cricket match

The annual Oxford vs. Cambridge Cricket match will be held this year on March 8, at the Hong Kong Cricket Club, in the afternoon.

The Captains of the teams will be Dr. L. T. Rids, Hong Kong University—Oxford, and Mr. D. McLellan, Education Department—Cambridge. Any past member of either University who wishes to play in the forthcoming match is requested to contact his Captain.

IRC—RAPC

In an enjoyable friendly cricket game at Stouppung yesterday, the Royal Army Corps beat Indian Recreation Club by six wickets.

IRC, who had first lease of the wicket, were all out for 79 runs, the only batsman to face the RAPC bowler with any confidence being S. H. Khan, who scored 30 runs.

Captain A. Woods was in deadly form with the ball and captured two wickets for three runs. Pte. Hawley took three IRC wickets for 10 runs, while Cpl. Brown, who dismissed two IRC batsmen, gave away eight runs.

RAPC had no difficulty in passing the IRC total and went on to score 98 for seven wickets. Captain E. Woods was top scorer for RAPC, knocking up 40 runs. Captain Dongray contributed a valuable 15.

Curran was the most successful IRC bowler, taking three wickets for 10 runs. F. M. el Arculli also accounted for three wickets, but gave away 24 runs.

Pressimists—RAOC
Pressimists beat Royal Army Ordnance Corps by 52 runs in a friendly cricket game played at King George V School yesterday.

Batting first, the Pressimists scored 168 runs for eight wickets. D. Gardner was in fine form with the bat for the Pressimists and scored 37 before being dismissed. Others to do well with the bat were M. S. Bevers (30), and J. C. McFarlane (32).

On their turn at bat, RAOC were all out for 90 runs. R. Baines contributed a valuable 24, while three batsmen, A. Jowett, A. C. Beckley and L. R. Wilson scored 13 each.

B. W. Campin was in fine fettle with the ball for the Pressimists and captured five wickets for nine runs in nine overs, two of which were maidens.

Police "A"—Police "B"
In a friendly cricket game played at Boundary Street yesterday, the Police "B" team defeated the "A" team by seven wickets.

The "A" team batted first and scored only 43 runs against the bowling of Reynolds and Salter. Salter took four wickets, giving away only one run, while Reynolds took three wickets for two.

For the "B" team Marsh scored 32 runs before being caught by Rumbelow off Wilson. Schanter had 20 not out to his credit when the closure was applied.

USRC AMERICAN TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Winners of the all-day American tennis tournament at the United Services Recreation Club at King's Park yesterday were Miss W. Ward and Mr. N. Wright.

Mrs. Eastbrook and Captain Eastbrook were second.

REFEREES' MEETING
The monthly meeting of the HK Football Referees Association will be held tomorrow at 8.30 p.m. in the offices of the HKFA, Prince's Building, Ice House Street entrance.

Reminders
Today
British Council sponsored lecture on Chinese civilization "The Geography of China" by Prof. Cheng To-kun, Council Library, 5.30 p.m.

European YMCA, Whist Drive, West Lounge, 8 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.

Kowloon Union Church annual meeting of congregation, 8.30 p.m.
Jumble Sale, Pro Lecture Room, Kowloon Reel Club practice, 5.30 p.m.

Bridge-Mahjong Party at Roof Garden HK Hotel in aid of Society for Protection of Children, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Coming Events
Tomorrow
Urban Council meeting GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.
Nico Dragons Services Club, Dancing Class, 2.40 p.m. Whist Drive (Cash Prizes) 8 p.m.

European YMCA, Bridge Drive, West Lounge, 8 p.m.
HK Rotary Club Luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Toc H meeting, 5.30 Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
European YMCA, Debating and Discussion Group, 8.45 p.m.

British Council sponsored lecture on "Parliament and Executive Government" by Mr. Robert S. S. Council Library, 8.30 p.m.

European YMCA, Women's Section, Whist Drive, 10 p.m.

Home soccer:

Five of eight teams left in sixth round of Cup beaten

London, February 25.

The performance this week of the last eight clubs left in the Cup overshadowed even the increasingly intricate struggles being waged for championship honours or to avoid relegation. In the poor showing of most of the sides who will contest the sixth round ties next Saturday, the results bore a remarkable resemblance to those of the week preceding the fifth round.

On that occasion only three of the last 10 were victorious. This time five of the last eight were beaten and only Arsenal and Manchester United gained two points.

Two of the biggest favourites, Derby County and Liverpool, met with the heaviest reverses. Both went down by four goals to one, Derby on their visit to the Cup holders, Wolverhampton Wanderers, and Liverpool at Middlesbrough, where no side has been successful since September 17.

Another surprise was the failure of Major Frank Buckley's Leeds United team, whose defeat at Cardiff ended a run of 12 matches without a loss. Cardiff, who won 1-0 thus avenged their Cup exit in the fifth round, when they lost 3-1 at Leeds.

With three of their best players, Matthews, Hayward and Shimwell, already on the injured list, Blackpool suffered another unpleasant shock when the English international, Stan Mortensson, was unable to take the field through influenza. Thus handicapped, Blackpool lost at home by the only goal of the game with Sunderland.

Wembley hopes
Chelsea, with no hope of the championship, but great hopes of Wembley's plunge, Manchester City's supporters further gloom by taking away a point, but their fellow Londoners, Charlton, were not good enough to hold the other Manchester team, United.

Although a goal down at half time, Manchester United struck back so well that they went into the lead and held it to the end. Goals by centre-forward, Jack Carney, playing at right-half, increased the United's chances of a double and kept Charlton floundering near the bottom of the table.

The other two Cup sides, Everton and Arsenal, met at Goodison Park and for the second week in succession, Arsenal beat another team in the last-eight by a single goal. Derby were their victims, a week ago.

Of course, the results of the previous Saturday are usually a very unreliable indication of what will happen in the Cup. Derby County fans will not be depressed because their favourites were 4-0 in arrears at Wolverhampton at half time, they remember that in the League match preceding the first round Cup games, Derby lost 4-1 to Sunderland.

Heaviest defeat
Though Liverpool met with their heaviest defeat of the season, they were far from overplayed at Middlesbrough and two of the goals against them came in the final 10 minutes.

This defeat means that Liverpool have been displaced from the top of the First Division table on goal average by Manchester United.

This is the second time Liverpool have lost the lead to Manchester United since they went to the top of the Division last November. On January 14, the United also went ahead on goal average, but Liverpool regained their position the following week.

By a clear-cut win over Southampton, Tottenham Hotspur became the first club to reach 50 points this season, but the question who will not company them—they are almost certain—into the First Division? received little clarification.

Conditions generally in the North today were all against good football. There were snowstorms, sleet and rain all to make pitches heavy and odden.

In the South, the boldest cold wind proved a handicap but the heads of other spectators that they could not inside the fences by the touchline.

The crowd at Chesterfield had to wait an extra hour and a quarter before this week's game against West Ham United, who were delayed by a rainstorm, began. The West Ham players played 45 minutes in the rain and went to the grounds in a drench but they did not earn any points to compensate them for the time they had to spend waiting for the line to be cleared when roads were very muddy.

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HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

The following is the result of the Second Division game between Chesterfield and West Ham: Chesterfield 1 West Ham 0

The fourth round before a 65,000 crowd by defeating Celtic by the only goal of the match, scored by Anderson in the first half.

Stenhousemuir brought off a grand win by their defeat of Dunfermline in the other tie. Stenhousemuir are the only Second Division representatives in the last eight.

Clyde are clearly safe in their struggle to leave the danger area in Division "A". They beat Motherwell 1-0, while Queen of the South, now third from the bottom, were defeated 3-0 by Hearts. Only one point now separates Rangers and Hibernian at the top.

Rangers won at home against Raith Rovers, but Hibernian could only draw at East Fife. Hibernian still lead, but Rangers have a game in hand—Reuter.

Best scoring feat
The best scoring feat of the day was C. Mortimer, Aldershot, who scored five goals against Leyton Orient.

Interest in Scottish football was centred in the two third round Cup ties. Aberdeen passed into

Home soccer league standings

FIRST DIVISION
Goals
Manchester U. 30 15 10 5 11 22 40
Liverpool 30 14 12 7 24 38 40
Sunderland 30 18 7 8 56 45 37
Preston 30 14 8 8 52 39 38
Derby 30 14 8 8 52 39 38
Blackpool 29 10 10 9 30 33 33
Middlesbrough 30 14 5 11 39 35 35
Burnley 31 11 11 9 51 31 38
Sheff. Wed. 30 12 8 48 42 32
Sheff. Utd. 30 10 7 31 38 30
Newcastle 29 11 10 49 41 30
Preston N.E. 30 10 10 35 34 30
Villa 30 10 10 10 40 30 30
Bristol 31 8 12 27 32 37
Grimsby 30 11 7 38 41 31
Hull 30 11 12 29 38 29
Huddersfield 31 9 7 35 34 31 20
Everton 30 10 10 7 37 32 22
Charlton 31 9 9 39 39 31
Sheff. F. 30 11 7 40 36 34
Birmingham 30 4 18 32 33 16

SECOND DIVISION
Goals
Tottenham 30 23 4 3 69 51 50
Sheff. Utd. 30 13 12 7 48 41 38
Hull 30 16 6 9 55 51 37
Sheff. Wed. 30 10 10 6 51 49 36
Leeds U. 31 13 9 9 59 51 35
Southampton 30 15 10 5 45 37 34
Bury 30 13 6 11 51 39 32
Preston N.E. 31 11 4 18 34 37 30
Dunfermline 31 10 11 11 33 37 37
Swansea 30 12 5 18 42 35 29
West Ham 30 10 10 10 40 30 30
Barnsley 30 10 10 11 51 48 29
Cardiff 29 12 5 12 28 33 29
Leicester 32 9 11 12 42 50 23
Chesterfield 32 11 7 13 50 35 29
Grimsby 30 11 6 12 44 24 33
Blackburn 31 11 6 14 41 44 24
Coventry 30 7 10 13 38 46 24
Bradford 30 8 7 15 44 59 23
Luton 30 6 11 13 30 45 23
Plymouth 30 11 10 9 46 53 23
Queens' Pk. 31 7 9 15 30 51 23

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)
Goals
Notts C. 29 10 4 5 36 24 31
Torquay 30 12 7 11 42 31 30
Notts P. 31 15 7 6 50 27 37
Northampton 29 14 7 8 56 38 35
Norwich 29 18 8 8 52 39 34
Reading 30 15 4 11 52 47 34
Southend 29 18 7 40 36 34
Port Vale 29 12 9 8 36 24 33
Bournemouth 30 12 8 10 41 38 32
Walsford 30 17 9 11 41 39 31
Worcester 30 12 7 11 39 38 31
Swindon 29 11 7 12 46 45 29
Bristol R. 29 14 12 31 35 28
Brighton 30 10 7 18 45 59 27
Walsall 30 7 11 12 42 40 28
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THE GRAND ALLIANCE

Struggling in the rapids

By Winston Churchill



Looking back upon the uncoupling tumult of the war I cannot recall any period when its stresses and the onset of so many problems all at once or in rapid succession bore more directly on me and my colleagues than the first half of 1941.

"LET JOY BE UNCONFINED"

All who remember the long and angry campaign against the Unequal Treaties, and the celebration by students and others of the many Humiliation Days in the Nationalist calendar, must have been amazed by the paeans of joy with which the Chinese were said to be celebrating the Moscow Pact. If anybody had predicted in those days that a time would come when China would hail with delirious delight a Treaty which confirmed control by a foreign Power of the great railway system and the main port and fortified base of Manchuria, he would have been regarded as crazy.

There is, of course, a promise to return these things, and it had been assumed in Washington—and doubtless in many other centres too—that all the propaganda justifying the Pact would concentrate on that promise. But that was simply ignored, as in fact were all the details of the Treaty. So far as can be seen, no attempt was made whatever to rationalise it, to analyse it, or to discuss it as one normally discusses, say, an agreement between two separate Powers. That, evidently, would be sacrilege.

The Communist papers merely sounded off slogans: Great Treaty, Great Friendship; a Great Achievement Without Parallel in Chinese History. More praise, too, seemed to be bestowed on Stalin and the party of the other part than upon any of the Chinese negotiators themselves. Such curious inversions have been known before, of course, and are usually given a somewhat sinister interpretation by critics of the Communists. The Great Khan in the Kremlin is told that "the people of China will thank you and the Soviet people for ever for your assistance." The China Democratic League is quoted as saying in a message to Stalin that "the signing of the Treaty and agreements is a matchless, powerful assistance rendered to New China by you and the Soviet people. The Chinese people are extremely grateful, for it not only deepens the close friendly relations between the Chinese and Soviet peoples but also strengthens the forces of world democracy and peace, and deals a telling blow to the war mongers. The great contribution rendered by you and the Soviet people to world democracy and peace has won the support and high respect of the world. We hail the everlasting, friendly co-operation of the Chinese and Soviet peoples and the great victory of the forces of world democracy and peace."

Such sublimation of Chinese nationalism and of Chinese rights and interests is truly a wonderful thing to behold, and shakes even the confirmed cynic's disbelief in the Millennium. We are told, however, that a mere 2,000—mostly officials at that—celebrated the Pact in Shanghai, compared with 10,000 in Yenan. Mayor Chen Yi did say, with conspicuous mildness, that it was "a great encouragement" to Shanghai's six million people in their struggle against the blockade and the bombing. Shanghai certainly needs an uplift. Whether the Pact provided it is another question. Of course, the answer to all this comes readily enough: it's all trumped-up pro-

September, 1940, and September, 1941, it was raised from 28 active divisions to 34, plus five armoured divisions. To this must be added the inactivity of the troops and the enormous increase in their weapons. The Home Guard had risen from a million to a million and a half. Numbers, mobility, equipment, training, organisation, and defence works were vastly improved.

Hitler, of course, had always a superabundance of soldiers for invasion. To conquer us we would have to carry and supply across the Channel at least a million men. He could by 1941 have had a large though not a sufficient quantity of landing-craft. But with our dominant Air Force and naval power, and the command of both elements we had no doubt of our ability to destroy or cripple his armada. All the arguments, therefore, on which we had relied in 1940 were now incomparably stronger. So long as there was no relaxation in vigilance or serious reduction in our own defence the War Cabinet and the Chiefs of the Staff felt no anxiety.

Significant events

Although our American friends, some of whose generals visited us, took a more alarmist view of our position, and the world at large regarded the invasion of Britain as probable, we ourselves felt free to send overseas all the troops, our available shipping could carry and to wage offensive war in the Middle East and the Mediterranean. Here was the hinge on which our ultimate victory turned, and it was in 1941 that the first significant events began.

In war armies must fight. Africa was the only continent in which we could meet our foes on land. The defence of Egypt and of Malta were duties compulsive upon us, and the destruction of the Italian Empire the first prize we could gain. The British resistance in the Middle East to the triumphant Axis Powers and our attempt to rally the Balkans and Turkey against them are the theme and thread of our story now.

The desert victories cheered the opening days of the year. Bardia, with more than 40,000 men, surrendered on January 5. Tobruk seemed certainly within our grasp, and was in fact taken, with nearly 30,000 prisoners, in a

which was far astray from the facts. I issued the following: Prime Minister to General Wavell or Colonel Hottel, for C.O.S. Committee.

January 10, 41. Chiefs of Staff should meet tomorrow, Saturday morning, to consider the various telegrams from the Middle East H.Q., and they are authorised to dispatch the attached telegram which I have drafted to General Wavell and Air Marshal Longmore, unless they wish to make any communication to me upon it. Prime Minister to General Wavell, January 10, 41.

1. Our information contradicts idea that German concentration in Rumania is merely a "move in war of nerves" or a "bluff to cause dispersion of force." We have a mass of detail indicating that a large-scale movement through Bul-

Your joint visit to Athens will enable you to contrive the best method of giving effect to the above decisions. It should not be delayed.

The Chiefs of Staff being in accord, this telegram was dispatched. It will be seen that our intentions at this time did not amount to the offer of Greece of an army, but only to special and technical units.

On these orders General Wavell and Air Chief Marshal Longmore flew to Athens for discussions with General Metaxas (then Prime Minister of Greece) and Papagos (Greek Commander-in-Chief). On January 15 they told us that the Greek Government were unwilling that any of our troops should land in Salonika until they could do so in sufficient numbers to act offensively. On receipt of this telegram the Chiefs of Staff telegraphed on January 17 that there could be no question of forcing our aid upon the Greeks. In consequence we modified our view of the immediate future, decided



Mr. Churchill at his favourite pastime—painting.

to push on to Benghazi, and meanwhile, to build up the strongest strategic reserve possible in the Delta.

On January 21 the Chiefs of Staff accordingly proposed to Wavell that the capture of Benghazi was now of the highest importance. They considered that if it were made into a strongly fortified naval and air base, the overland route might be dropped and both men and transport saved. They also urged him to seize the Dodecanese, and especially Rhodes, as soon as possible, in order to forestall the arrival of the German Air Force, with its consequent threat to our communications with Greece and Turkey, and to form a strategic reserve of four divisions to be ready to help these two countries.

American contacts

With the New Year more intimate contacts developed with President Roosevelt. On January 10 the President arrived to see me at Downing Street with the highest credentials. Telegrams had been received from Washington stating that he was the closest confidant and personal agent of the President. I therefore arranged that he should be met by Mr. Brendan Bracken on his arrival at Poole Airport, and



Electorate. Crippled! If the British voters have to go through the whole thing again, they're going to be Atleost slightly peeved.

Deposited. Incidentally, the soft-hearted public feels that all those unsuccessful candidates did not give enough entertainment to justify the tax.

As reported locally, there were many amusing and sometimes inexplicable incidents during the final day of the election. One that has still got me wondering is the motorist who went to the polling station "and gave a rendering of the sign in morse code on his home."

"What makes a really brilliant man so forgetful?" asks a reader. I've forgotten.

Less Imperfect. The New York "Times" military critic MacArthur, for getting himself up as a demi-god and being responsible for some of the worst blunders in the Pacific war.

By gad, sir, just let some of these irresponsible journalists try emitting such blasphemies in Tokyo and see what happens to them.

Do you know what a sweater girl is? One who pulls your eyes over her wool.

Steel production in America is likely to be reduced drastically following the labour troubles. One cannot help wondering whether the iron curtain could be so firmly maintained if Russian trade unionists were permitted to come out on strike.

I'd like to be a glow-worm. A never-say-no worm. Going home every night Lit-up quite.

"If a good girl kisses you," asked the young man, "it's an encouraging sign, isn't it?" "Good or bad, my boy, it's encouraging."

Asked what she did with party leftovers, Myrtle replied: "I phone for a taxi."

Myrtle's grandfather says his old woman is always eager to do his bidding—at the bridge table.

Rainwater is good for a girl's complexion—if it really is her complexion.

Baby Bear sat down on a thistle, but not a murmur did he make. Not even a squeak. Said Mummy Bear to Daddy Bear: "Darling, don't say we've bred one of those Dead End Kids!"

that we should lunch together alone the next day. Thus I met Harry Hopkins, that extraordinary man, who played, and wrote to play, a sometimes decisive part in the whole movement of the war.

His was a soul that flamed out of a frail and failing body. He was a crumbling lighthouse from which there shone the beams that led great fleets to harbour. He had also a gift of sardonic humour. I always enjoyed his company, especially when things went ill. He could also be very disagreeable and say hard and sour things. My experiences were teaching me to be able to do this, too, if need be.

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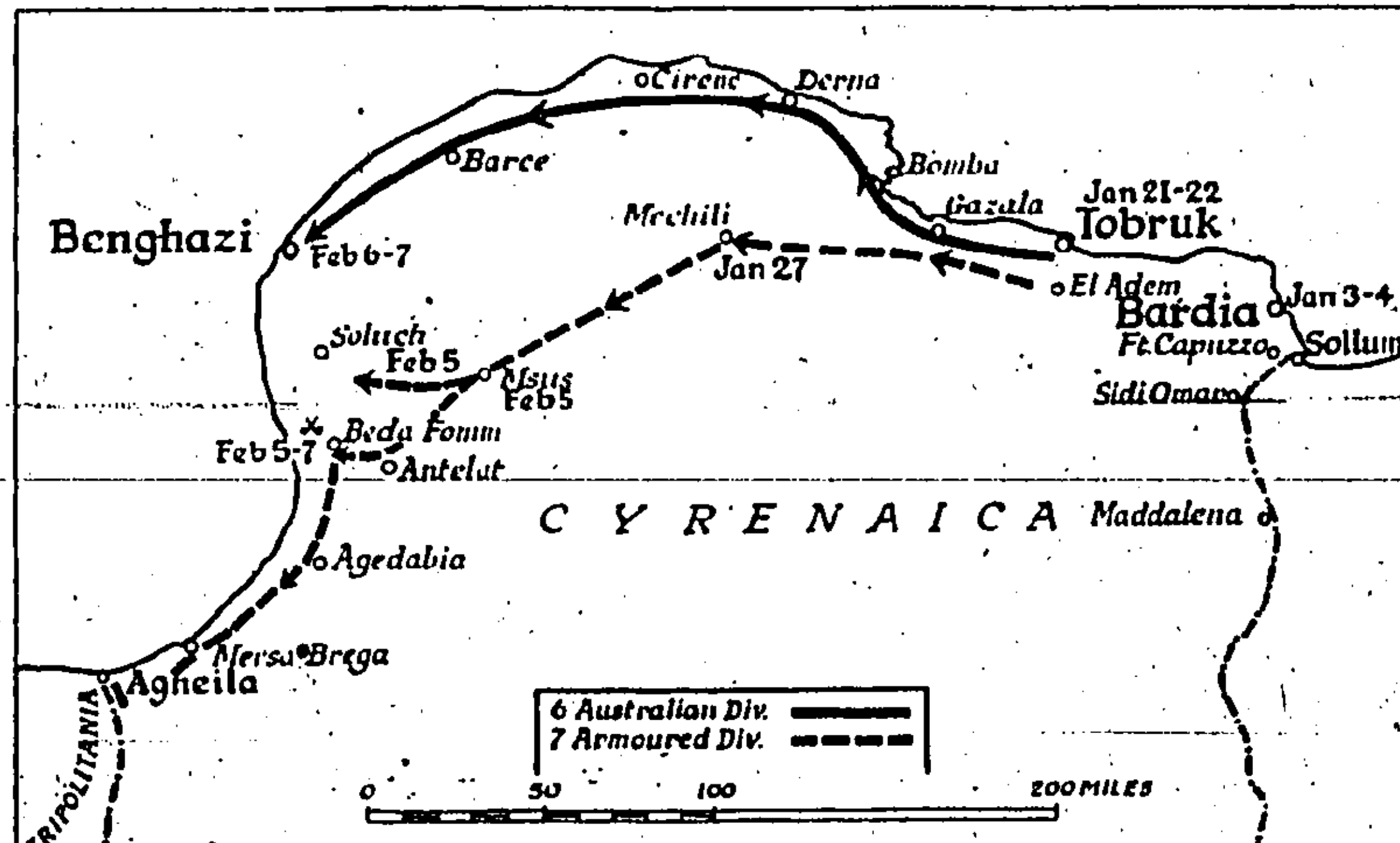
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paganda and fantasy, a travesty of the people's real feelings. And yet, here in Hong Kong, one paper which bears a title famous in the history of Chinese journalism, also contributed its slogan. It asked the Colonial people to "follow Mao Tse-tung's way and not that of Nehru." The Chinese leader managed to persuade the Russians to stay in Manchuria a little longer. In Delhi, Admiral Mountbatten, rushing the Indians off their feet in his hurry to transfer power and authority, had a large calendar specially printed for his purpose, which warned them anew that every day that passed was a day nearer the time when the British would get out.

The injunction that joy should be unconfining and not too particular came down from above. But behind the reaction to it there will also be an element of sheer instinct which grasps that the Pact has a significance which cannot be minimised, from whatever plane it be regarded. The pact exists, however it is really regarded by the Chinese people, and the weighty words of "The Times" should sink in. "It would be prudent for the Western Powers to treat the Moscow-Peking Axis as a powerful force."

fortnight. On the 19th we reoccupied Kassala, in the Sudan, and on the 20th invaded the Italian colony of Eritrea, seizing the railhead at Asmara a few days later. On that same day the Emperor Haile Selassie re-entered Abyssinia. But all the while the reports accumulated of the German movements and preparations for a Balkan campaign.

On January 10 the Chiefs of Staff warned the commanders in the Middle East that a German attack of Greece might start before the end of the month. It would come, they thought, through Bulgaria, and the probable line of advance would be down the Struma valley against Salonika. Three divisions, supported by about 200 dive-bombers, would be used, and three or four more divisions might be added after March.

The Chiefs of Staff added that the decision of his Majesty's Government to give the greatest possible help to the Greeks meant that once Tobruk was taken all other operations in the Middle East must have a second place, and they authorised the dispatch therefrom of mechanised and specialist units and air forces up to the following limits: one squadron of infantry tanks, one regiment of cruiser tanks, 10 regiments of artillery, and five squadrons of aircraft.

Astray from facts

The Commander-in-Chief, in Cairo, thought that the German concentration in Rumania, of which we had warned them, was merely a war of nerves designed to induce us to disperse our forces in the Middle East and stop our advance in Libya. Wavell trusted that the Chiefs of Staff would "and they authorised" the dispatch of our forces, which was a bluff. On reading this reply,

garia towards the Greek frontier, aimed presumably at Salonika, will begin before the end of the month. Hostile forces to be employed in the aforesaid invasion would not be large, but of deadly quality. One, perhaps two, armoured divisions, with one motorised division, about 180 dive-bombers, and some parachute troops, seems to be all that could cross the Bulgarian-Greek frontier up till the middle of February.

2. But this force, if not stopped, may play exactly the same part in Greece as the German Army's breakthrough at Sedan played in France. All Greek divisions in Albania will be fatally affected. These are the facts and implications which arise from our information, in which we have good reason to believe. But is that not also the very thing the Germans ought to do to harm us most? Destruction of Greece will eclipse victories you have gained in Libya, and may affect decisively Turkish attitude, especially if we have shown ourselves callous of fate of allies. You must now therefore confirm your plans to larger interests at stake.

3. Nothing must hamper capture of Tobruk, but thereafter all operations in Libya are subordinated to aiding Greece and all preparations must be made from the receipt of this telegram for the immediate succour of Greece up to the limits prescribed. These matters have been earnestly weighed by Defence Committee of Cabinet, and General Smith has independently reached almost identical views.

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LABOUR LEADERS ARE PUZZLED, UNHAPPY

Public dazed by outcome of General Election

STATE OF FLUX

London, February 25. Britain's Labour leaders, after committing themselves to form a Government with no real majority to give it power, were puzzled and unhappy tonight.

The Conservatives, equally frustrated by the Election deadlock, were just as appalled at the sight of the nation's defences down in the face of pressing economic and other dangers.

No decision yet on Gov't policy

London, February 25. The new Labour Government which will face a precarious existence—trembling constantly on the verge of defeat—has yet to decide what it will be prepared to do in the event of a Parliamentary vote and what issues would be big enough to force its resignation if outvoted by the Opposition.

The Government's attitude will be largely influenced by a vital joint meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party and the National Executive Committee of the Party summoned for next Wednesday morning—a few hours before Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, faces the new Parliament for the first time.

Government leaders may have to warn their rank and file—particularly the Left wing—of the fact that soft-peddling will be necessary on such highly controversial subjects as further nationalisation if the Government is not to be brought crashing down almost immediately.

But one strong doubt is whether Mr. Attlee and Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, both with an almost puritanical belief in their own brand of economic realism, would agree to temporise for the sake of political expediency.

The Conservative leaders, still tight-mouthed on the deadlock which affects them as much as Labour, have much less to lose to do before Parliament meets on Wednesday.

Lord Woolton, Chairman of the Party, held a conference with his Party officials at Tory headquarters today.

Mr. Winston Churchill, the Tory leader, went to his country house to rest after the strain of the Election. His deputy Party chief, Mr. Anthony Eden, was visiting him there.

The Conservatives have to decide which would be most advantageous to them—to let the "Caretaker" Labour Government ride for a time or to seize the first opportunity that presents itself to vote them out of office.

Many observers think that another Election, with little chance of the Liberals repeating their large-scale intervention, would result in a clear Tory majority.

But an important consideration is that two General Elections in sharp succession could irritate the public and possibly produce apathy at the polls.

Liberal statement

A statement from the headquarters of the Liberal Party today said: "The Liberal Party carries on. Let there be no doubt about that. Now that Party machines have crushed independence, the protection of rights of minorities rests solely in the hands of Liberal Members of Parliament, and Liberals everywhere will back them to a man."

Liberal leaders are meeting in London this week-end, and the Party Committee is to meet on Tuesday.

Liberal Members of Parliament also plan to meet on Tuesday. Most Liberal associations will assemble within the next few days and receive from headquarters a firm lead as to future activities, including plans for the next Election," the statement added.

Cheers echoed through Downing Street when Mr. Attlee left his official London residence at No. 10 and announced, "We shall carry on."

About 500 people had packed the small street off Whitehall, the main artery through London's administrative district.

"We want Clem," these people had shouted. "Well done, Clem." Their cheers echoed on as the Prime Minister and his wife afterwards entered a car to go to Chequers, the Prime Minister's official country home in Buckinghamshire.

Other Ministers also got cheers. The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, wearing a red tie and carrying a red despatch case, was greeted by everyone who could get to the foot of the steps leading to his official residence.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, Cabinet Minister, was also greeted by a large crowd of people as he walked to his home in the Strand.

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Only 20 women MP's elected

London, February 25. Despite the record number of female candidates only 20 women Members of Parliament will take their seats in the House of Commons on Wednesday. Fifteen are veterans and five newcomers. They include 14 Labourites, five Conservatives and one Liberal.

One hundred and twenty-five women entered the election field against 77 in 1945. But the country returned 22 women in 1945. Conservative Lady Tweedsmuir became 23rd when she won her way into Parliament at a by-election in 1948.

Six Labour women members of the last Parliament lost to Conservatives this time. They included Mrs. A. Gould, member of the National Executive of the Labour Party since 1930.—United Press.

ADENAUER WANTS GUARANTEE

Bonn, February 25.

The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, today asked the Western Powers to give the West German Republic an unreserved security guarantee.

"I strictly oppose any re-militarisation of Western Germany, but it is the obligation of the Western Powers to protect the Federal territory," he said.

Dr. Adenauer said that he had, therefore, requested the Allied Governments to give the West German Federal Republic an unreserved security guarantee through the Allied High Commissioners, the West German News Agency, DPA, reported.

Speaking at a meeting of women's committees of his Christian Democratic Party, the Chancellor said, "Everything indicates that there will be no change in the situation between the Soviet Union and the Western Powers, at least not this year."

"I rather think that the tension in Germany is not Germany's fault that she lies in the centre of these tensions." He denied that there was any danger of an upsurge of extreme Rightist elements in Western Germany.

He categorically denied also that Allied-German relations had deteriorated recently.

He expressed hopes that the differences over West Germany's economic policy would be cleared in next week's Allied-German talks.

He said different opinion existed between the Allied economic advisers and not between the High Commissioners.

"I do not think that there will be anything left for the Allied representatives after next week's discussion," he added.—Reuter.

British air ace killed in crash

Dayton, Ohio, February 25. Wing Commander Derek S. Pain, aged 31, British Royal Air Force war hero, and another airman were killed when a four-engine jet bomber exploded and crashed near Patterson Field here, scattering wreckage over an area of half a mile.

A third airman escaped with a low level parachute jump. The B-45 bomber took off from Patterson Field 85 minutes earlier.

The British officer was believed to have been plotting the plane.

Wing Commander Pain was one of a number of British officers serving with the U.S. Air Force in an exchange agreement with Britain.

He came to the United States a few months ago with his wife Margaret, and their daughter of 18 months, who live in Wilmington, Ohio.—Associated Press.

Ammunition plant blows up in P.I.

Manila, February 26.

Batangas, 60 miles South of Manila, remained partially cut off from Manila 14 hours after an ammunition plant blew up, killing more than 20 people.

The Signal Section of the Philippine Constabulary said Camp Kuomintang at Batangas was totally burned, knocking out all radio equipment and wires.

However, a dispatch by plane from the scene of disaster stated that three soldiers were killed and another three wounded.

On civilian casualties, believed to be heavy because of a social function being held in the nearby Capitol Building, there were no definite reports yet.

Constabulary Headquarters stated that the left wing of the Batangas Capitol Building was destroyed.

There was no immediate confirmation that the wife of the Governor had been wounded by exploding bullets. The Governor's brother in Manila told the Associated Press he had been expecting the Batangas executive to visit him at his home here since last Friday. The Governor's brother had no news from Batangas outside of newspaper reports.

The reports said an explosion occurred at 4:30 p.m. yesterday, local time, shortly after Cadets returned their weapons to the armory after practice.

Colonel Macario Alastio, head of a Constabulary unit, told the Associated Press there was some possibility of foul play and that headquarters would send down an investigator.—Associated Press.

But the situation is still potentially explosive and Left-wingers threaten to tell the Government that if they want their rankers to work with them they must take them more fully into their confidence.

Intense interest centres on the effect of the Election on the prestige of the Left-wing leader, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Health Minister.

Camel's back

Mr. Bevan will be one of the new "nominal" majority Government's problems, for his forthcoming supplementary estimates for the health service—already accused of extravagance—will be a heavy burden.

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EARLY MEETING BETWEEN BEVIN, ACHESON SEEN

Washington, February 25.

An early meeting between Mr. Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, and Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Minister, may be called, according to well informed diplomatic officials today, to review Anglo-American relations and the struggle with Russia, as an aftermath of the British election.

Although the preliminary steps have yet to be taken and some U. S. officials said that talk of such a meeting was premature, State Department authorities have already begun considering what problem need to be tackled by the two men and what results might be achieved.

If German issues seem likely to become a major factor, the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, would be expected to participate.

A survey of responsible opinion inside the U. S. administration leaves no doubt that officials are deeply disappointed with the lack of a clear working majority in the British Parliament. At best this will put a drag on Anglo-American relations; at worst it could lead to a crisis in the Western conduct of the cold war with Russia.

Another element in a situation made more confusing by the election is future Congressional action on aid for Britain and the part that may play in the developing British political situation in the spring and summer.

There seems little question that had the Conservatives won those forces in Congress opposing European aid on the ground that the U.S. was financing British Socialism would have regarded dollars for Britain more favourably.

Some of these people speak with powerful voices and conceivably there could be a tendency to maintain this pressure on the Attlee government in the hope of strengthening Conservative support for a new election later this year.

Coalition favoured

Some American diplomatic authorities would have liked to see a coalition or "national government" formed in Britain. They are in the main foreign policy officials who believe the Western nations have to develop more effective leadership and direction in the long political and economic contest with Russia now foreseen here.

But this is an American as well as a British problem, and they would also like to see a higher degree of co-ordination among the parts of the American Government in Washington.

The effect of the slender Parliamentary edge held by the Labour party will almost certainly be to make the Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee, and the Foreign Minister Mr. Bevin, extremely cautious in foreign as well as domestic matters.

Winston Churchill, on the other hand, is in a position to throw greater force behind his ideas—such as his campaign suggestion for a new meeting of Russian, British and American leaders at the highest level.

The last meeting of the Western big three Foreign Ministers was held at Paris in November on German policy. Before that Mr. Bevin and Mr. Acheson met in Washington on Britain's continuing financial crisis.

Both German and British economic problems remain to be solved.

Here are British-American problems on which intensive work may now be revived—not necessarily those which would come before an Acheson-Bevin meeting.

"Britain's gap between dollars earned and dollars spent. This gap probably will go on after the Marshall Aid Plan ends in 1952. British and American officials would like to lay out a long range plan now."

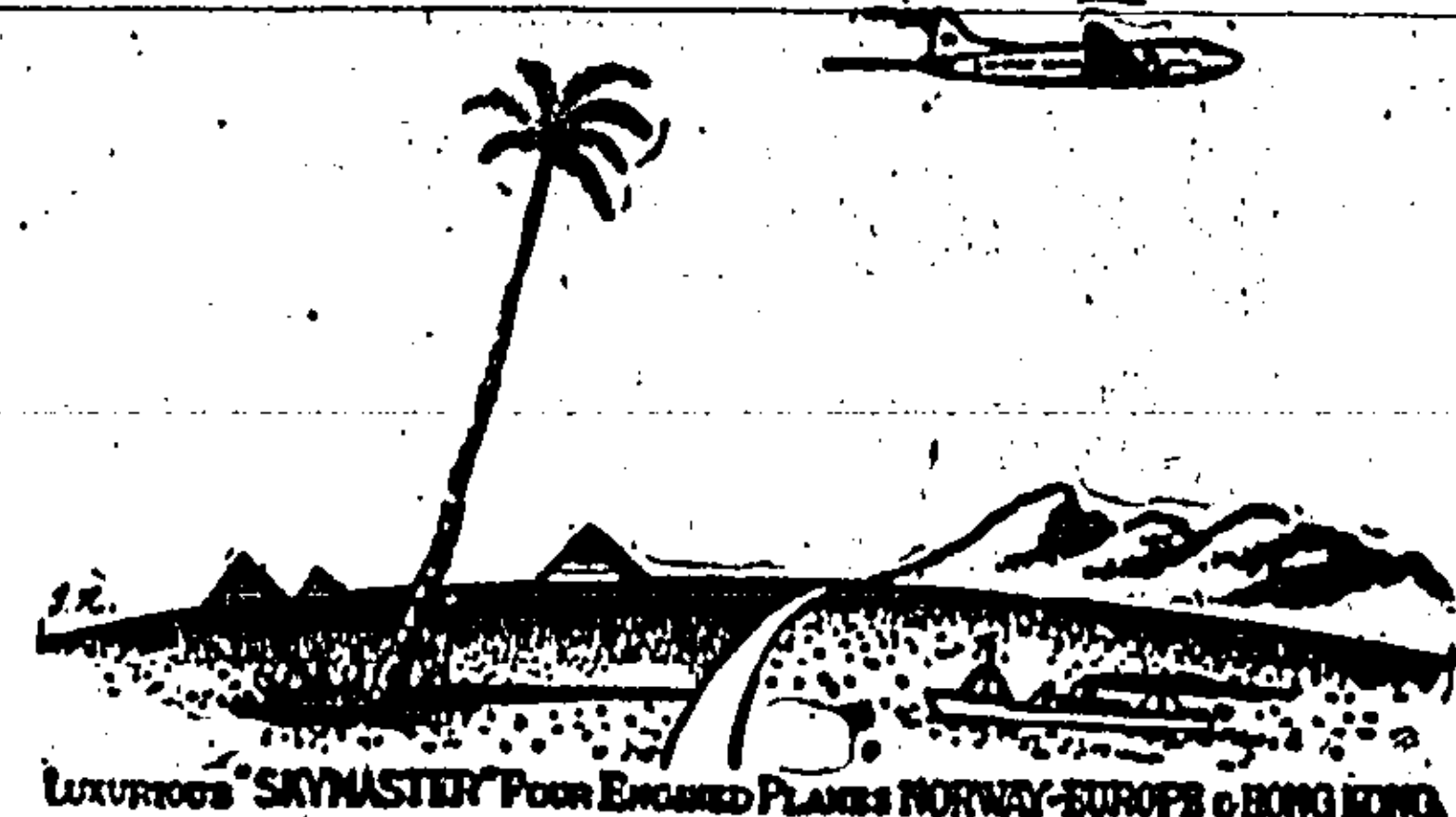
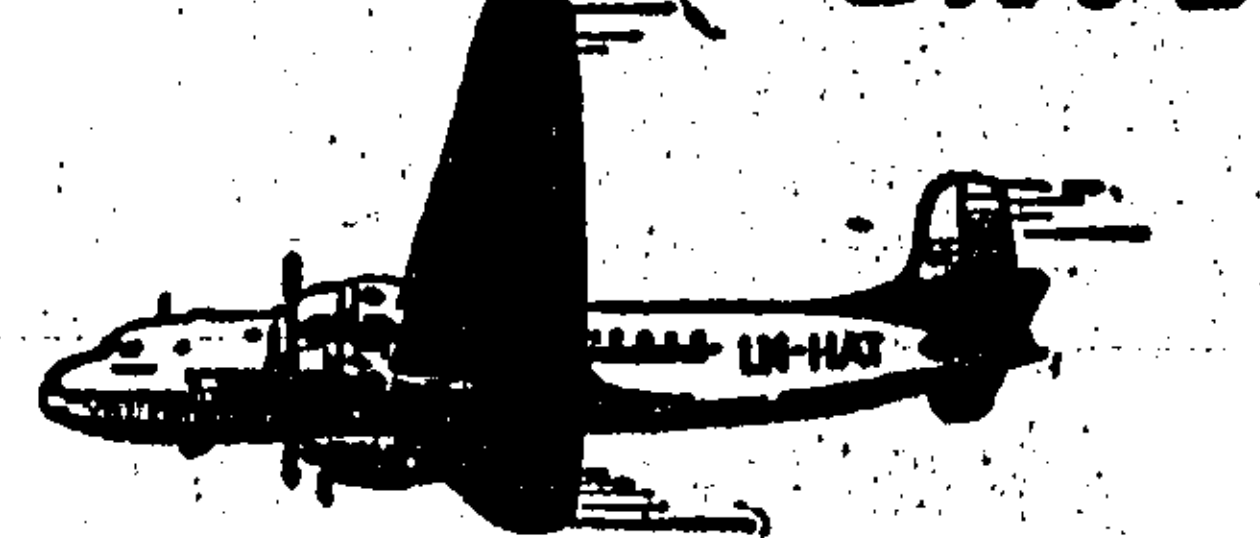
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MENZIES' MEN TRYING TO 'SACK' THEMSELVES

Australians are rubbing their eyes in wonder at the spectacle this Dominion capital now offers—a Government stripping itself of powers, and, apparently, liking it.

Since it turned the Socialists out of office last month, the Conservative coalition Government of Mr. R. G. Menzies has devoted itself to the task of loosening State controls. The first-fruits of this policy have already been presented to the people.

The most striking result has been achieved in the new National Health plan.

The new Minister for Health, Sir Earle Page, announced this week that he could not understand how the Australian citizen would benefit by being called upon to help pay the cost of everybody's "free" teeth, operations, medicines, and hospitals. The citizen would be much happier if he were called upon to help pay for his own requirements, Sir Earle felt.

Against controls

Therefore the Government, in the interest of the people, would refuse to introduce a centralised free medicine scheme, such as had been introduced in Britain.

The Government was against the principle of Government controls because they "rob the citizen of his independence, make for inefficient administration, create a pyramiding of bureaucratic controls, and increase costs."

Sir Earle announced instead a scheme that has been received with acclaim, and dubbed the "Self-help Plan" and "Medicine Without Tears Scheme."

The essence of it is that the existing friendly societies, hospital insurance schemes, various medical benefit clubs, and the Red Cross should enlarge their membership and offer wider health services. Members pay a reasonable subscription weekly to these organisations, in return for which they receive all possible medical attention and treatment.

Aid if needed

All people of limited incomes who need medical assistance will be able to receive it from these organisations; the Government proposes to assist financially only if the organisations can show that they need money to fulfil their mission.

The Government also intends to give financial encouragement to hospitals and research institutes—without, however, interfering with their essential independence.

"If individual interest and incentive are removed by making everybody Government servants, the efforts of these organisations will be sterilised, and decay will set in," said Sir Earle. Editorials and commentators throughout the land have been quick to applaud the new Government has acted with equal decision in other fields.

Mr. Menzies has warned all his Ministers that their first task will be to see whether they cannot organise themselves out of a Ministerial job. Three full Min-

istries are likely to be abolished by consolidating the armed forces departments into one Ministry of Defence.

The Ministries of Post-War Reconstruction and Repatriation are certain to be wiped out, and their functions taken over by the

By **ARTHUR MORLEY**

Ministry of Development, headed by former British Minister to the Middle East, Mr. R. G. Casey.

Not just talk

And these prunings of the bureaucracy are not just talk. Mr. Menzies has appointed the appropriate Ministerial and departmental committees to carry them out, and he has warned that he expects quick results.

Australia in 1939 was governed by nine Canberra Departments and as many Ministers. Mr. Menzies wants to get back to something like that number, from the present 18.

Accompanying the pruning is a general lifting of Governmental controls on private enterprise, and removal of unnecessary restrictions on individual liberty.

"Only private enterprise can develop this great country," announced the Prime Minister—and he is working now to give private enterprise its chance.

Petrol rationing has been abolished. A Ministerial sub-committee headed by the Treasurer, Mr. Arthur Fadden, has decided that national growth and even the vital task of growing food for Britain is being hampered by lack of petrol, and this while sterling petroleum is being sent to unrationed Argentina and to the Continent.

Note to Attlee

The Prime Minister, acting on the committee's advice, has sent a strong message—described semi-officially as almost a ultimatum—to Mr. Attlee, demanding a greater share of sterling petroleum or, alternatively, more dollars for American petrol.

The Government's case is that it cannot produce more food or earn more dollar while vital road-transport and agricultural tractors and machinery are cramped in the strait-jacket of rationing.

The Government also proposed to remove rationing of butter, cream, and tea—but here Canberra is hastening slowly.

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It's a life of ill-ease in Belize

By **RICHARD GREENOUGH**

The little 8,800-square-mile "Patch of Britain" British Honduras, where they seem to prefer the Stars and Stripes to the Union Jack and their own pale blue and white "baymen" settlers' flag to either, is a topsy-turvy Colony.

First of all there is its position on the map. Stuck along a 175-mile strip of the coast of Central America, 65 miles deep, cradled by Guatemala and surrounded by a bunch of small, powder-keg republics, there seems no reason why it should ever have become or stayed a British Colony—except, of course, for the sake of its mahogany.

It forms part of the British West Indies, though the nearest British West Indian island, Jamaica, is 650 miles from the mainland. And the inhabitants are most jealous of the fact that they are not West Indian, but Central American.

Nature plays topsy-turvy tricks too. At the southern end of the Colony the Puntagorda area is one of the wettest spots in the world, averaging 200 inches of rain a year, while 120 miles to the northward the river Belize the Colony's main waterway, often suffers such serious drought that, as last year, the huge trunks of mahogany which made the Colony famous and once prosperous cannot be floated down.

No railways

The river is the only means of getting them to the coast for export, as there are no railways and only two very narrow highways in the whole Colony. The result last year was that the economic life of British Honduras was at a standstill until the rains came.

Then there is the Colony's money. British Honduras's dollar is tied to sterling and it was devalued topsy-turvy at the end of last December from two dollars and 90 cents to four dollars to the pound.

That devaluation provoked the present unrest and threats of violence. Protesting that their money had been devalued the "wrong way," articulate people in this steaming semi-tropical forest Colony are now raising the temperature above its already uncomfortable level.

They want their currency back on the old rate, where it had stood splendidly alone after the general devaluation by Britain and the rest of the Commonwealth.

Really, the case is that the British Honduras dollar was linked in parity with the United States dollar since before the end of last century, and commerce between the two countries had cemented the relationship. The United States took and supplied

three-quarters of the little Colony's trade. After Britain's devaluation last September British Honduras was the only spot in the Commonwealth exempted from the new rate. Then the blow fell, and British Honduras was brought into line with the rest of the sterling area. Overnight the cost of living rocketed up 40 per cent.

The scapegoat

Immediately, first Belize then the rest of the Colony, whipped up by the small but powerful and vociferous group, the People's Party, planned all their troubles on devaluation, "memorials" delivered to Governor Garvey for transmission to the King and Parliament—the fact that Parliament is not sitting makes no difference.

Hence, too, the nightly meetings, the torchlight processions, and the hanging of the effigy of the Governor, with much "Down with Beland—God Bless America" shindy.

Hence all the Belize taxis bearing anti-Britain slogans; hence the threats that unless the dollar is revalued there will be civil disorder, and appeals to other nations, including the United States, for help and even protection.

After a careful analysis of public feeling and from talks with agitators I have come to the conclusion that the people who praise America and serenade the United States Consulate are not really anxious to be taken over as a United States protectorate. They are too familiar with the Jim Crow laws there.

All they naively want are United States dollars given or invested in the Colony.

There is no doubt but that British Honduras is an acutely depressed Colony, one of the most disgraceful black spots I've seen of British colonial administration in the West Indies.

Had a raw deal

Apart from the dollar's devaluation, there has been cruel misadministration intermingled with Whitehall niggardliness. In the past the Colony has always been run exclusively for what could be got out of it.

Until a few years ago there were no attempts at agricultural development, road building, capital improvements, or even simple though important reforestation of the denuded forests.

Belatedly, something is now being done. With Government and private farms up-country, plus sensible productive plans by the Colonial Development Corporation in Belize for the extension of existing crops and the cultivation of new ones—such as papaya powder, which is already being used in New York for the tenderising of meat—it seems the Colony is being reshaped into a paying proposition.

As they were

The historian, as he showed me round, was hopelessly torn between his desire to make me understand how much the town had suffered and his pride at the way it had been rebuilt. And so, for the matter of that, was I. Where was the punishment now?

We paused outside a brilliant little shop (German towns at night look as though a concentrated effort was being made to consume surplus electricity). The window was a vast, artistically arranged panorama of pink flesh—hams, sausages, galantines, joints, geese, tongues, pates, smoked eels.

"It's wonderful, isn't it?" said the historian. "But, of course," he added anxiously, "85 per cent of the population can never afford to buy any of this."

Very confusing

One can only say that the remaining 5 per cent must have gargantuan appetites. For it was all perishable stuff, and Rhine is not a big place and this was by no means the only butcher's.

It's all very confusing. Britain is still paying millions of pounds a year to feed the Germans. But few Germans will deny that they themselves are eating better than the British.

For the Germans, of course, it is very exciting. Their recovery has been a continuous, visible process.

But for the British the shops in Rhine are not the face of it, rather shocking and rather alarming. You can't blame the Germans for becoming prosperous, for they have been governed and controlled by the Western Allies.

But you can wonder whether the Western Allies have governed and watched and controlled them along the right lines.

First, however, there is another side of the picture to consider. My historian was wrong when he said 85 per cent of the people could not buy, but he was right in principle.

Illusion of plenty

The rich—and there are rich in post-war Germany—can live very well indeed. The workers and Government officials can afford their normal necessities, but not the luxuries. The 1,250,000 unemployed in Western Germany can only just keep body and soul together.

And the vast new poor, the "fifth class"—the refugees from the East—are in many cases living in conditions of horrible squalor and misery.

Moreover, Germany's shop-window prosperity is based on Europe's worst dollar gap. Only Marshall Aid can bridge it. Germany alone has no prospect of doing so.

So a great deal of her present good living is a facade which must collapse when ERP finishes. She will still have her smoked eels, so her shops may still look rich and gay. But she still look rich and gay. But she still look rich and gay.

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MARSHALL AID AND PLANNING

By **NORMAN CRUMP**

The Second Report of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation is a formidable document.

It combines a detailed review of the progress so far made by Western Europe with a series of plans, projects and forecasts designed to show what either can or must be done, if Western Europe is to achieve equilibrium after Marshall Aid has come to an end.

Its conclusions are not entirely hopeful. At the best, it seems likely that many Western European countries will have to restrict their dollar expenditure. Nor will it be at all easy for those countries to make any further substantial increases in their exports of Europe.

Elaborate organisation

There are times when one begins to wonder if either the United States or the Western European countries are going the right way about the job. It must be granted that Marshall Aid is proving of great, and indeed of necessary, help to Europe. But it must never forget that the Marshall Aid money is found by the American taxpayer, with the result that Congress has both a right and a duty to see how it is spent. But the result has been the growth of a dual organisation.

On the one hand there is the purely American Economic Co-operation Administration, with its headquarters in Washington and its subsidiary headquarters in Paris.

On the other hand there is the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, domiciled in Paris and representative of the Western European nations.

Between them they constitute one of the most elaborate planning systems which the world has ever seen. They plan for a whole group of nations, and not for a single country.

This Second Report of OEEC insists by implication again and again that the Governments of these countries must conform to this master plan. Intra-European trade and payments, industrial development, capital expenditure, must conform to it.

It is difficult to believe that the average American citizen believes in this degree of planning. It is wrong that in any country the Government of the day should have to accept planning as an instrument of policy, regardless of the political complexion of its supporters or its electorate.

Nor can it be right for a Government to demand the utmost enterprise and effort from its manufacturers and exporters, while simultaneously it swatches them with the chains of national and international plans.

What then is the way out? The simple answer is to give the manufacturer and trader their heads, and let them get on with their job.

This applies to America as well as to Europe. America has her own ways of selling goods, whether home produced or exported, and here the British manufacturer would be well advised to study a pamphlet issued recently by the Dollar Exports Board. But America also has her tariff and her way of administering it.

There is an old family card game known as "Muggins." The essence of it is to get rid of your cards. The rules are, by malice propense, complicated in the extreme. Any breach of them is

will not have enough bread. And she would not have the smoked eels if she could sell them. But her currency is geared too high and German prices in the world market are uncompetitive. So Germany today is consuming the things she ought to be exporting.

So the brilliance of Rhine is more fragile than it seems. That unspinnable dollar gap yawns behind it; unemployment and hardship are tucked away in the side streets; the things in the shops ought to be sold abroad. But nothing can dim the skill and hard work and enthusiasm which have gone into cleaning the town up and rebuilding it. There can be no doubt whatever that the Germans, despite their terrible war years and their terrible period of unemployment, are working far harder than the British. And they are already reaping the reward.

But I was wrong about the punishment. I take that back. Not only because those broken streets look so spick and span today, but because the people of Rhine have never thought of it as a punishment. They talk of those days as a catastrophe which they survived, a tremendous experience from which they have nearly recovered. Perhaps they ought to think differently, but they don't.

promptly hailed with a general cry of "Muggins," and the offender has to take one card from every other player.

Fantastic customs

rules

American customs regulations appear to be constructed on much the same principle. It is not only a question of the Tariff itself. Under the Quarantine Act, imported plants must have their roots completely free from soil, which reduces their chance of survival.

The Buy American Act makes it difficult for public authorities to buy foreign building material. Under the marketing regulations all imports must be marked to show their country of origin (how does one mark the metal part of a carving fork?).

The American farm price support scheme imposes physical restriction upon the import of agricultural products.

Then there is the classification puzzle. No one knows until he tries, how his goods will be classified, and therefore he does not know what rate of duty they will have to bear.

So fantastic is the position that the Dollar Exports Board seriously suggests pilot shipments made with the sole object of testing the customs regulations.

Mr. Hoffman has repeatedly claimed that America has only to spend on imports a little more of her total national income, and Western Europe's dollar problem would be solved. Would not a radical overhaul of American customs procedure, made with the object of encouraging instead of deterring imports, do just as much good as Marshall Aid, at far less cost to the American taxpayer?

Britons, too, must give their manufacturers their heads. This means a reduction of taxation, a withdrawal of controls, and a general recognition that a manufacturer is entitled to his reward. There is no need to elaborate on matters which are clear to all thinking people. Suffice it to say that under the regime of the past four years, a manufacturer has to attack the American market, or indeed any new market, with one hand tied behind his back.

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The first modern centrally-located office building to be built in Hong Kong since more than two years ago is Edinburgh House, located at the corner of Queen's Road and Ice House Street.

It is now open to the public. Four private business firms and four banks have been established in the building.

The building, which had been planned many years before the last war, was under construction for the past two years.

The Hong Kong Land Investment Company, which has been responsible for most of the business building construction in Hong Kong for the past 50 years, has financed Edinburgh House.

Contractors for Edinburgh House were Orange and Leigh, though Jardine Matheson Ltd., and Dodwell and Company also had construction contracts. Constructed at cost of more than HK\$5,000,000, Edinburgh

House is not only a building, but also a firm testimony of faith in the future of the Colony.

Like any other large business, it has been built for long-term service, to the Colony. It is no get-rich-quick enterprise; it is no fly-by-night venture.

Already, the Belgian Bank, the Young Brother's Bank, the China State Bank and the Overseas Chinese Bank have moved in, and are carrying on their business.

Air-conditioned

Some of the offices are equipped with the latest-type air-conditioning, and the entire building has been constructed for ready installation of air-conditioning.

It is interesting to note that less than 100 years ago, the site of Edinburgh House was the Colony's former water front, with a motley group of sampans and local fishermen living much



EDINBURGH HOUSE

like they now do along the Wan-chai water front.

Local residents have probably noticed that the new building's Queen's Road pavement is more than three feet higher than the Queen's Road level.

This is foresightedness on the part of the contractor and the Hong Kong Land Investment Company.

An official explained that the level of Queen's Road is due to be elevated about three feet some time in the future, and the Company was merely preparing for it.

The last modern business building to be built in Hong Kong during the past two years was Electric House.

It was pointed out by the builders and owners, however, that though Edinburgh House was built at great expense, rental fees for the firms established there are more than 100 per cent lower than other comparable buildings in Hong Kong.

These rates vary from 90 cents to a dollar per square foot a month.

Many firms in Hong Kong charge \$2.50 per square foot of office space a month.

All space booked

An official of the Hong Kong Land Investment Company said that all the office space was booked for the building "months ago."

In fact, he added, the firm had more than 2,000 applications on a waiting list for office space in Hong Kong.

The firms in the new building will sell everything from perfume and jewellery to copper, zinc and newspaper.

All the buildings of the Hong Kong Land Investment Company are named after Royalty.

Edinburgh House is named after the present Duke of Edinburgh.

Though the building had been planned for many years, it was only 18 months ago, when Princess Elizabeth married, that the name for the building was decided upon by the Board of Directors.

It is thought to be the first building named after the present Duke in the Far East.

The Netherlands Bank was formerly in Marina House. That office space has been vacated, and is now undergoing repair and modernisation. When it is finished in a few weeks time, another company will move in.

The China State Bank was formerly in the Gloucester Hotel building, but that office space was vacated and is also undergoing remodelling.

Dave Boag from the Alexandra Building will be in Edinburgh House—selling furniture and machinery.

The Belgian Sales Agency, manufacturer's representatives, will be selling wire, copper, zinc, cellophane, windows and countless other articles.

Over-all modernity

Perhaps the first thing that one notices when one enters the new building is the over-all modernity. There are neon lights, low counters, no unnecessary

partitions or oddly placed obstructions.

A special feature of such construction is the ease with which such a building can be kept immaculate.

Unnecessary corners, inveterate dust gatherers, have been eliminated from the over-all construction plan.

The lightly-coloured decoration of the building causes no eye-strain, even though Edinburgh House probably has more interior lighting than any other comparable building in the Colony.

Finishing touches on the building's construction have not yet been completed.

Chinese workmen are still succoring the granite foundation and exterior blocks, taking down some remaining scaffolding, and cleaning up construction debris.

However, within another month, the building will be completely finished.

Long-range plans

An official of the Hong Kong Land Investment Company said that Edinburgh House was but part of the Company's long-range building plans for the Colony.

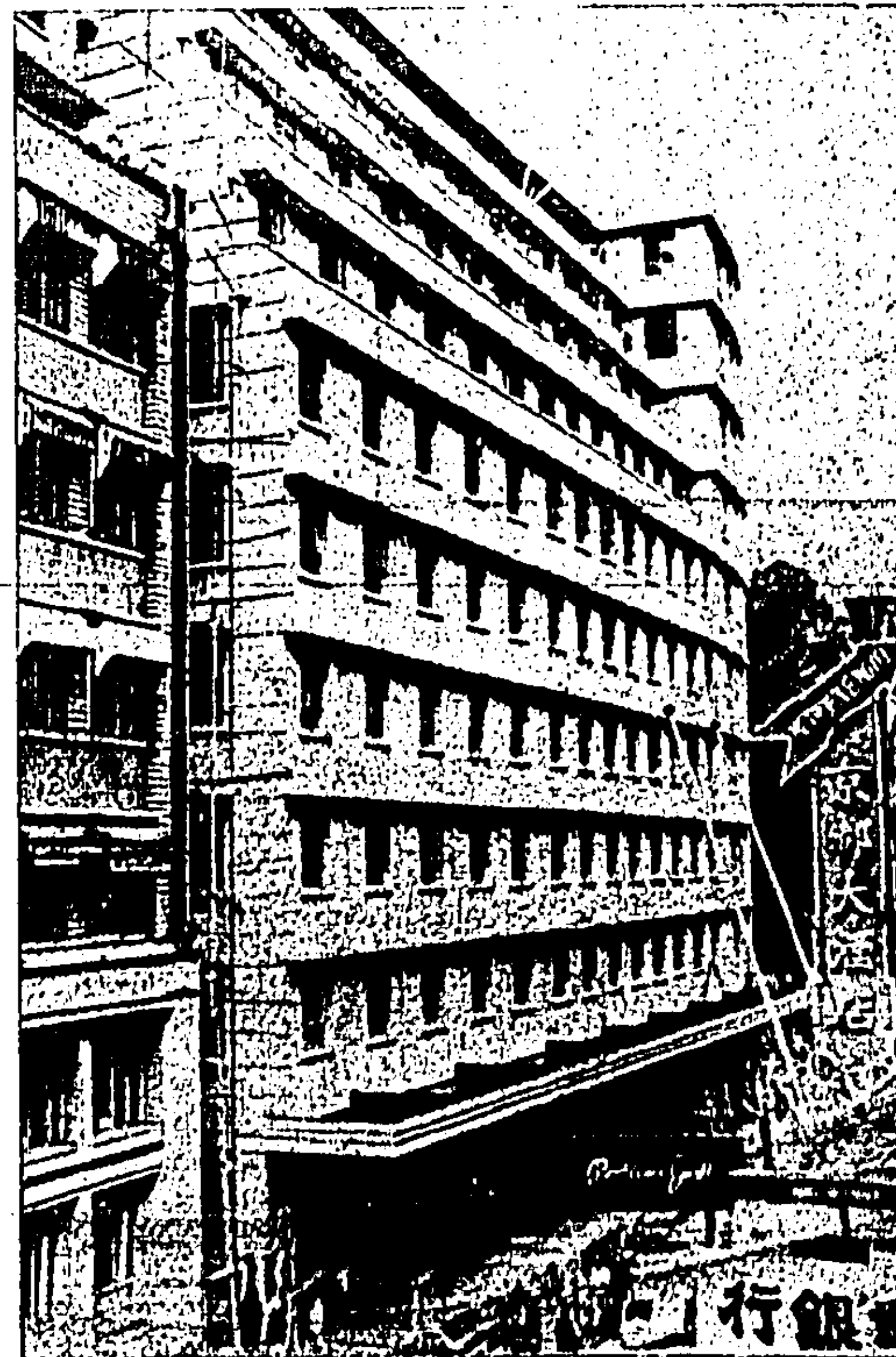
The Company, which owns a major share of all centrally located business space in Hong Kong, has established a reputation for completing a new building, and then immediately turning to other plans for the future.

But Edinburgh House is not the first project of the Company since the end of the last war.

It added three floors to Marina House about three years ago. The Hong Kong Land Investment Company wants to emphasise that no further office space is available in Edinburgh House.

An official said: "I have had from 10 to 15 calls a day for the past five months asking me to rent out office space."

"If we were able to do so, we would be only too glad, but a building big enough to take care of the office space required by the Colony at the present would be so large, there wouldn't be any place left for the Colony."



View from Queen's Road, Central

He added that only firms who had been on the Company's waiting list would be accommodated in the Company's available space.

Whether or not air conditioning is installed in the building depends a great deal on how the companies feel about the matter.

For the present, the firm has decided to wait a few months to see the advantages and possible disadvantages of such an installation.

The official said: "Two of the businesses have decided to install their own air conditioning; the others have not decided. As far as I know, however, the contractors, Orange and Leigh, have made special allowances in construction, so that the building could be quickly converted, if it is found to be desirable."

Curious visitors

During the first week of the opening of Edinburgh House, thousands of local people have crowded and pushed through the

banks and businesses out of curiosity.

One of the renters, who was having a hectic time separating visitors from customers late last week, told the "China Mail" that Edinburgh House was one of the best advertisements for his business he had ever had.

He said that he was not a bit annoyed over all the people.

He added: "After all, when people spend their time during a busy day, just to come in and visit you, it is very unlikely that such a business location is going to do anything but help our business."

Another renter said that the location of Edinburgh House was most ideal.

It is not definitely known what the next construction project of the Hong Kong Land Investment Company will be, but one thing is certain: Edinburgh House is a remarkable contribution to the attractiveness and future prosperity of the Colony.

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STAMP NEWS

By "TETE-BECHE"

The problem of how to mount and preserve mint stamps in humid climates, I feel sure, is of interest to local collectors. From time to time interesting articles appear in various magazines containing useful hints ranging from special containers for albums to the best method of crystal mounting.

I do not think there is much doubt that the best way to preserve one's mint stamps is to enclose them in covers of transparent paper, and perhaps a few words on the method used by myself may come in useful.

RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 925 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.10—Broadcast for School—English—
"Bliss Manner" The Novel by
George Elliot, Part 1. The Treas-
ure of "Kash" (HBCS)

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Program-
me Summary.

12.32—"Handstand"—Park and Dare
Workers' Half Hour. (HBCS)

1.00—"Popular Continental Songs" by
Maria Floridano and Brown
Pallid.

1.15—News, Weather Report and An-
nouncements.

1.25—"Music for You."

2.00—"Close Down."

2.05—"Hong Kong Calling"—Program-
me Summary.

6.02—"Children's Half Hour"—Conducted
by Jack Frost. (Studio)

6.30—"Portuguese Half Hour. (Studio)

7.00—"World News and News Analysis."
(London Relay)

7.15—"Hill Billy Masqueraders"—Presen-
ted by Raymond Mulholland
(Studio)

7.30—"On the Record"—Presented by
Ronnie Gibbons. (Studio)

8.00—"From the Editorials." (London
Relay)

8.10—"Linda Cater Talks on Films."
(Studio)

8.25—"I Like What I Like"—Presented
by Margaret Ferguson. (Studio)

8.55—"The Last of Castle Kincaid"—A
Mystery play by Gyles Adams.
(HBCS)

9.25—"Concerto"—Haydn's Concerto in
C Major. Conducted by
C. Major. (Studio)

9.30—"Children's Half Hour"—Conducted
by Jack Frost. (Studio)

10.00—"Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

10.15—"Weather Report."

10.15—"Spanish Nights"—Introduced by
"Hill Billy" (Studio)

10.30—"From the Editorials"—London
Relay.

10.45—"Music for Dancing."

11.15—"Weather Report, World News and
Home News from Britain."
(London Relay Record)

God Save the King.

11.30—"Close Down."

Menzies' men trying to 'sack' themselves

(Continued On Page 10)

A sub-committee is investigat-
ing the important point whether
exports of butter to Britain will
decline if rationing is ended. If
the answer is "Yes," rationing
will remain until the Government
can increase production.

The Government is convinced
that there is enough petrol and
butter and cream for all. It can-
not tolerate the situation whereby
Italian and French sports cars can
run, while tractors helping
get all the petrol they want for
motor-races and "trips to the
trotter" wheat for Britain are
standing idle in Australia.

Foreign policy

In the field of foreign affairs,
also, the Government has made
one major and welcome change.
The policy of the new Foreign
Minister, Mr. P. C. Spender, is
based on two points—first, closer
collaboration with Britain and
the Commonwealth, and secondly
cultivation of good relations with
the neighbouring Pacific and
Asiatic nations.

To the second end, the old in-
flexible administration of the
"White Australia" immigration
policy has been tempered by
"civilised common sense." The
policy of the Socialist Immigra-
tion Minister, Mr. Arthur Cal-
well, of incriminating expelling
Asiatics irrespective of the pos-
sibility against racial discrimination
in Asiatic countries, has been
dropped.

Humanity is now ruling Can-
berra's judgment. Some Asiatics
are being allowed to remain in
the country, and the Peace and
politicians of Asiatic countries
are already commenting favour-
ably on the change.

Goodwill tour

Mr. Spender proposes to follow
this up by making a personal
goodwill tour of neighbouring
Asiatic countries. He, and the
Majority of Australian, believe
that the nation's future safety
may depend on the friendship of
neighbours rather than the deci-
sions of anybody at Lake Success.

All told, the Menzies Govern-
ment has won much support in
Australia. By its first month's
work, it has been guided by the
dictates of democracy and sym-
mon sense—and these things ap-
peal to Australians.

A revised Australian 2½d.
value bearing a new portrait of
H.M. the King is due for issue on
the 12th April.

It is reported that Fiji is to is-
sue a Health stamp (2d & 1d)
later in the year.

Quirino

romance

rumours

Manila, February 25.

President Elpidio Quirino
and the opera singer, Conchita
Gaston, may continue to deny
rumours of a romance, but it
will be hard to convince
Manilans of a lack of heart in-
terest after yesterday's per-
formance at the Malacanang
Palace.

Four girl society reporters who
were permitted to attend (no male
newsmen were allowed) a musi-
cale in the Blue Room, agreed
Miss Gaston "looked curvaceous
and very glamorous in a close-
fitting black frock slanting off one
shoulder, with an aqua brocade
jacket tossed across her shoul-
ders."

After a chamber music recital
Miss Gaston, on coaxing from a
member of the audience, dis-
covered by a happy coincidence,
as one society reporter put it, that
her accompanist was also present.
She obliged with the "Habane-
ra" from "Carmen," in which she
scored a triumph with the City
Opera Company in New York City
last recent tour in the
United States.

The society reporters were still
fluttering and rather incoherent
when they described what hap-
pened next. But the consensus
reached was this:

"Sing as a song that stirs the
heart and soul," asked the widow-
ed President, who has told news-
men that "I am married to my
job" when questioned about re-
ports of romantic interest in Miss
Gaston.

Miss Gaston obliged with "La
Culaca" by "Valer Pique" and
"Mimosa" by Fuentes. Trans-
lated, this means "I Love You"
and "Look At Me Like That,"
Associated Press.

U.S. freezes assets of satellites

Washington, February 25.

The United States tonight
froze the assets of citizens of
three Soviet satellites which
have been attacking American
envoys and citizens as spies
and warmongers.

The Attorney-General, Howard
McGrath, announced that he is
stopping payments from bank ac-
counts, and other assets in this
country, of citizens of Bulgaria,
Hungary and Rumania.

The United States has broken
relations with Bulgaria.

The Secretary of State, Dean
Acheson, hinted today that it may
also eventually break with Hun-
gary and Rumania, though he said
a break is not now under con-
sideration.

They are both making it in-
creasingly difficult, he said, for
the United States to maintain diplo-
matic missions, and virtually im-
possible to give any protection to
American citizens and American
interests in those countries.

The Justice Department said, in
response to inquiries, that the
freezing action was dictated by the
slowness with which American
claims against the three countries
are being compensated.—Associat-
ed Press.

Calcutta, India, February 25.

At least eight Moslems were
killed and 15 injured today in
communal violence.

The city has been paralysed
since noon, when all business
and transport stopped in protest
against recent disturbances in
East Pakistan.—Associated Press.

Japan allowed to join conferences

Tokyo, February 26.

General MacArthur announced today that Japan
will be allowed to join international agree-
ments and take part in technical conferences
under a new occupation policy directive from
the United States Government.

But Japan can take this major step toward "peace
without a peace treaty" only in cases where
other nations concerned are willing to have
Japanese sit down around the conference
table with them.

The U. S. Government's decla-
ration, taken unilaterally without
waiting for the 14-nation Far
Eastern Commission to give its
approval, was reported exclu-
sively on Friday by the United
Press from Washington.

Confirming the report, General
MacArthur announced the receipt
of the Washington directive.

It said: "The Supreme Com-
mander for Allied Powers, sub-
ject to his discretion and con-
tinued control, should permit
Japan to participate with other
nations or groups of nations in
such international agreements,
conventions and conferences of a
technical character as Japan
may be invited to enter into,
accede to or attend and as the
Supreme Commander shall con



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"HUNAN"	Tsingtao & Tientsin	5 p.m. 28th Feb.	
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 5th Mar.	
"FUKIEN"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 8th Mar.	
"SHANSHI"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 9th Mar.	
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"PAHOI"	Bangkok	2nd Mar.	
"HANYANG"	Tientsin & Tsingtao	2nd Mar.	
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	p.m. 3rd Mar.	
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"PATROCLUS"	U.K. via Straits	24th Mar.	
"ANTIOCHUS"	U.K. via Straits	30th Mar.	
"ANKING"	U.K. & Rotterdam via Straits	30th Mar.	
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HONG KONG WATERFRONT

BY OUR HARBOUR REPORTER

In my log

Where ignorance is bliss

We mean just that...our first thought provoked by a crisp bit of dialogue between a President Polk tourist and his Chinese neighbour aboard the Hong Kong-bound Electric Star one afternoon during the week. "What do you call that building over there...yes that skyscraper," drawled the stranger. "Hong Kong Shanghai Bank," was the reply from his stocky neighbour. "Oh, Communist, eh?" (sic) (We fear the Shanghai blockading attempt by American freighters which made front-page headlines in the U.S. might have something to do with it—to make newcomers from America dub "anything Shanghai" Communist today.)

It only goes to show...

A notice often ignored by nine of every 10 passengers on the Star Ferry launch reads: "Please remain seated until gangplank is lowered."

The meaning to us is obvious; viz. to prevent a heavy list when the launch manoeuvres to berth. Last Saturday night, more than a dozen men and women traveling on the steamer deck of the Northern Star Kowloon-bound found to their cost that the notice should not be disregarded.

An usual long before the launch reached the Pier, over-anxious commuters began to huddle together near the landing gate.

The Northern Star swerved in for a "three-point landing." In her sweep her starboard, listing heavily, was exposed to a surging backwash off a passing craft.

Splash...and cold brine drenched the motley group of office workers and grimy labourers.

There was no doubt that it was a worthy splash.

"Sadder and wiser" they shuffled out of the launch—some wiping sodden jackets and some wiping wet "unhappy" faces.

Just innocent rumination.

"They were two small but bright boys looking not more than 12 years old. They were well-dressed, complete with flashy ties. The little girls had been to see 'Joan of Arc'."

Throughout the major part of that 10-minute chugging across one evening, how did they burn Ingrid Bergman?

Both showed profound depth of imagination.

It's all bluff—they were unanimous on this point.

The bigger lad said a glass screen protected Joan from the flames. His diminutive companion thought she was smeared with some kind of oil which "incubated" her from the fire.

"Then a bright idea after a brief pause...the fire was between Joan and a mirror, which reflected her image. That was then filmed. No...probably they used a statue."

Eventually they satisfied themselves with the deduction that Joan was taken at a distance with the fire near the camera.

We noticed they boarded the same bus and from what we could see they seemed still intent on solving the problem.

From office desk to sampans.

Some 30 years ago an office clerk heard about China's unique "Water Tribe" or "Wanka" community during a Sermon in a Chicago church.

She learned about the mission work of Christians among the floating people and decided to answer the call.

So after the end of the First World War, she left for China to embark on the often unending career of a missionary.

Today, Miss Todhunter is one of five American women working for the South China Boat Mission, which is spreading the Gospel among Hong Kong's "Tankers" population.

To find the women missionaries is not difficult. Miss Todhunter lives with two others aboard the "Gracious Light"—a white-painted barge permanently anchored in the Causeway Bay Typhoon Anchorage.

Another KMT-tagged ship to defect.

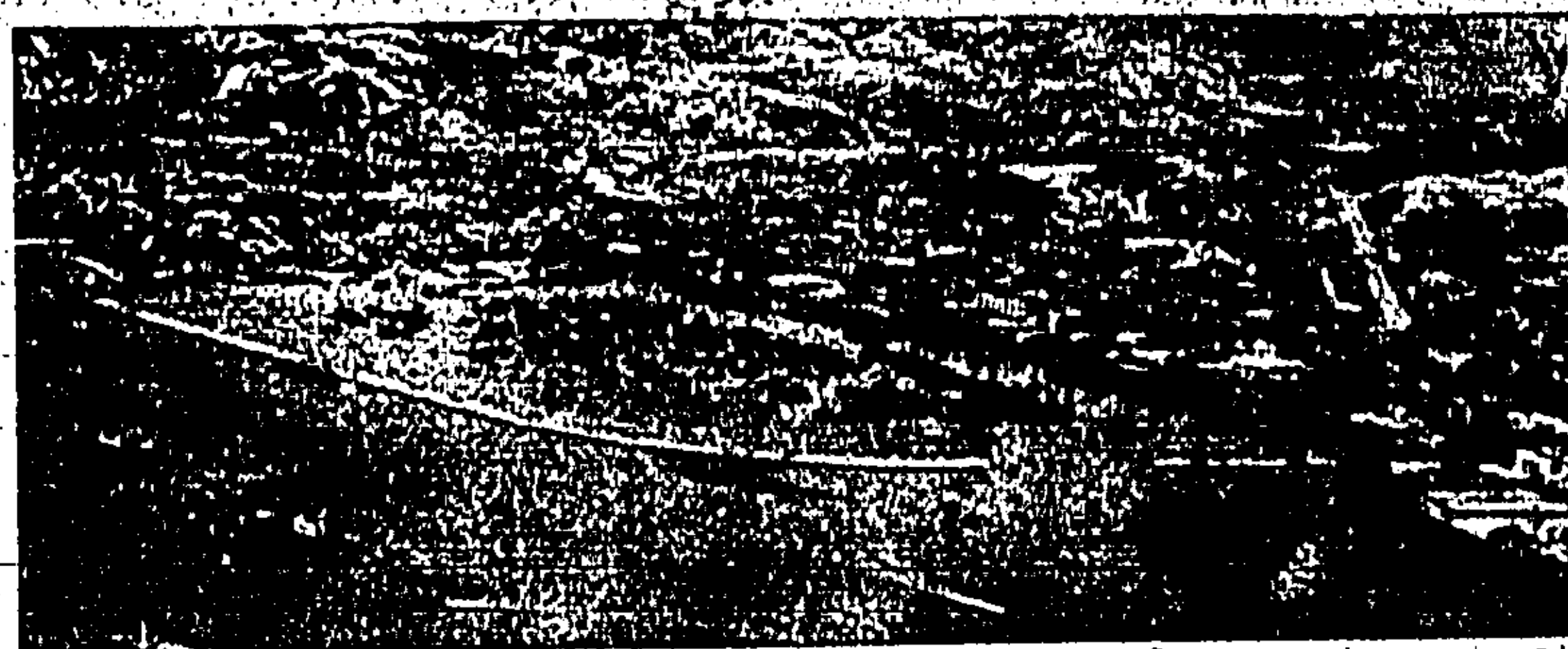
We learned that the ss. Kwai Hai, sister ship of the ss. Kwai Shan now at Canton, undergoing re-education for the Five Star is leaving dock this week to sail for Macao.

The reconverted U.S. Navy "LCI" will thence sail for Canton.

After hoisting the Communist emblem both sister ships will ply between Canton and the Portuguese colony to carry on for the time being.

This will probably mean the ultimate switch-over of allegiance in favour of the new regime by the semi-Kuomintang Kwang Navigation Company.

The mv. Kwai Shan left the Colony early last month for an undisciplined port. She was subsequently reported to be "missing" for some time; then news reached the Colony that she was applying for Red registry at Canton.



From a bird's eye view, the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Anchorage—one of the Colony's two artificial havens for thousands of small craft in time of storm—looks like a huge amphitheatre. The breakwater, which is a remarkable engineering feat and the Shelter's outstanding feature, can be seen in the foreground. On right is the Southern Entrance. ("China Mail" Photo).

Harbour's engineering feat attracts tourists

Victoria Harbour can boast with justification of several remarkable engineering feats which mark the Colony's progress through the decades since the Union Jack was first hoisted over the island.

One that never fails to provoke comments from tourists arriving ships is the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Anchorage—a harbour of refuge for thousands of native craft and the fleet of port utility vessels.

Being near Kowloon Wharf where luxurious liners berth to disembark thousands of tourists coming from various parts of the world, the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Anchorage is one of the first few port landmarks to attract the visitors.

To an observant tourist the spectacle within the sheltered bay conjures up Kipling's "East is East, West is West, And never the twain shall meet." For inside the placid harbour flanked by imposing modern structures thousands of vessels of all descriptions cluster to present an extremely incongruous sight.

An inscription on the Southern Entrance bears a little story—it reveals that the foundation stone was laid by Sir Henry May, former Governor of Hong Kong, to commemorate the completion of the Harbour of Refuge on December 10, 1915.

The Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Anchorage—Yau Ma Tei Shelter as it is commonly referred to by the waterfront community—is one of the Colony's two artificial havens for small craft operating in British waters. It is one of six typhoon shelters in Hong Kong—four natural harbours for ocean-going ships and another artificial shelter at Causeway Bay.

The hundreds of vessels of all types and constructions cluster inside the Shelter in an orderly pattern in compliance with Government regulations.

Operations to create order in the formerly disorganised conglomeration of launches, sampans, tugs and junks, began mid-1949.

Thirteen anchorages were marked within an area of 800,000 square yards between the seawall and the breakwater to accommodate the craft. A 300-foot fairway surrounds the area, to provide access to patrolling launches which keep vigilance in time of emergency.

Government launches have their allotted places at the mouths of the Shelter. They ferry launches—Star Ferry and Yau Ma Tei Ferry Companies—have two areas. The Yau Ma Tei Ferry launches have special moorings ready for them to cope with exigencies during a storm.

Four areas are reserved for junks and cargo boats. Wedged between them are sampans and "house boats."

Launches, motor boats and other kinds of craft are given two anchorages. The positions are indicated by marks on the breakwater.

Only vessels under 60 tons in weight are permitted to seek refuge or enter the Yau Ma Tei Shelter. To guide the craft navigation lights at the two entrances flicker every five seconds.

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Visit Okinawa now

Okinawa—bastion of the Japanese forces during the last few months of World War II—will now be open to visitors who must be relatives of residents and who will be required to bring sufficient food for themselves during their stay.

This was announced by the American President Line yesterday in a report that the ss. General Gordon will call at Okinawa on March 12.

The addition of the island port as a port of call for APL was announced recently by Mr. John M. Diggs, APL's Vice President, Passenger Traffic, following a United States Army announcement that final approval had been given to admit visitors to Okinawa.

The new itinerary will be—San Francisco, Honolulu, Yokohama, Okinawa, Manila, Hong Kong, Okinawa, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco.

Fares for the 17-day voyage from San Francisco to Okinawa are US\$365 first-class and US\$250 third-class. Interport rates to Yokohama, Hong Kong and Manila vary from US\$45 to US\$95 first-class and US\$25 to US\$50 third-class.

The Southern Entrance—nearest Kowloon Wharf—is 400 feet wide. The Government Slipway is located on this side of the Shelter, where the fleet of Government security vessels berth for maintenance and for the night.

On this arm of the waterfront the Chinese Maritime Customs operates its floating office.

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"SHIRALA"	due 14th Mar.	from Calcutta via Rangoon & Straits
"SHIRALA"	sails 10th Mar.	from Calcutta via Straits

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	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
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"VAN HEUTZ"	10th Mar.	10th Mar.
"TJIBADANE"	20th Mar.	20th Mar.
* Only to Singapore, Penang & Sialang Dai.		
MANILA, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA		
"BOISSEVAIN"	17th Mar.	3rd Apr.
JAPAN		
"TJIPONDOK"	6th Mar.	13th Mar.
"BERLAGE"	11th Mar.	19th Mar.
"BOISSEVAIN"	1st Apr.	10th Mar.
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EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA		
"HEEMSKERK"	In Port	27th Feb.
"HOOGKERK"	8th Mar.	early Apr.
Through B/L issued to Mediterranean and Northern European ports.		
JAPAN		
"HOOGKERK"	early Apr.	16th Mar.
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SHIP	FROM	DUE
"AGATHI"	EAST COAST/U.S.A.	In Port
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M.Y. "AJAX"	19th Mar.
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S.S. "DONA AURORA"	due 13th Mar.
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE
REORGANISATION OF
GERMAN IRON AND
STEEL INDUSTRIESNew York
Stock
Exchange

New York, February 25. Stock traders paid more attention to the British election this week than the domestic coal strike. The strike, at worst, inspired a high degree of caution. But the British election was credited with sparking the liveliest rise the market had during the week. Traders were pleased with the Conservative Party's showing.

Packard and Chesapeake and Ohio dominated today's business. The balance of the market found along a narrow price range. Transfers totaled only 620,000 shares.

Gainers were Goodrich, Boeing, American Cyanamid, Allied Chemical, American Can.

Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 73.90, 20 Industrials 204.15, 15 Rails 63.30, 10 Utilities 42.73.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express 21 1/2
Alaska Juneau 3
American Can 112 1/2

Telephone 150 1/2
Tobacco 73 1/2
Waterworks 10

Anacosta Copper 30 1/2
Aviation Corp. 7 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive 12 1/2

Barnsdall 46 1/2
Bendix Aviation 41 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 33 1/2
Boeing Aircraft 27 1/2

Borden Co. 51
Canadian Pacific 15 1/2
Chrysler 41
Cigarette 45

Commercial Solvents 16 1/2
Coca-Cola 70 1/2
Du Pont 63 1/2

Eastman Kodak 47 1/2
Electric Light & Power 40 1/2
General Electric 48 1/2

Motors 70 1/2
Goodrich 64
Goodyear 48 1/2

International Harvester 28 1/2
Paper 36 1/2
Tel. & Tel. 12 1/2

Johns-Manville 49
Kennebec Copper 33 1/2
Montgomery Ward 56

National Distillers 22 1/2
Lead 37
New York Central 13 1/2

Packard Motors 3 1/2
Pan American Airways 10
Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2

Radio Corp. 15 1/2
Remington Rand 14 1/2
Republic Steel 20 1/2

Reynolds Tobacco 39 1/2
Schenley 32

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AMERICAN PIONEER LINE
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ARRIVALS FROM ATLANTIC	
"AMERICAN REPORTER"	Mar. 2
"PIONEER LAKE"	Mar. 10
"PIONEER WAVE"	Mar. 20
SAILING TO MANILA	
"AMERICAN REPORTER" (via Keelung, Fusan, & Yokohama)	Mar. 3
"PIONEER LAKE" (via Keelung, Fusan)	Mar. 19
"PIONEER WAVE" (via Fusan, Yokohama)	Mar. 27
SAILINGS TO NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA via JAPAN & PANAMA CANAL	
"AMERICAN REPORTER" Arr. Mar. 30 Sails Mar. 31	
"PIONEER LAKE" Arr. 8 Apr. 10	
"PIONEER WAVE" Arr. 20 Apr. 22	
* via Yungtiao.	

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Frankfurt, February 25. Considerable progress has been made in preparing to re-organise the West German iron and steel industry, according to a British Control Commission report issued here today. Far-reaching preparations have also been made on plans for the transfer of assets from the old owners, the reports said.

The reorganisation of the iron and steel industry has been worked out by the German Steel Trust Association under the supervision of the Allied Combined Steel Group in Düsseldorf.

Detailing progress made in re-organising the British report said that all the shares of the 25 segregated companies had now been transferred to the Steel Trust Association and the supervisory boards of these companies had been reconstituted so that the steel trustees are represented on them.

The investment programme for the industry had now been approved and the plan for allocation of funds from the Reconstruction Loan Corporation Bank had been passed by the Steel Group and Trust Association.

The money so far earmarked for the steel producing industry from Marshall Aid counterpart funds amounts to 35,000,000 marks, the report said.

In Bonn, meanwhile the German Government has been informed that the Allied High Commission did not consider that the German Government needed at present to undertake legislation to fulfil de-concentration of German's coal, iron and steel industries.

An Allied announcement said today that Mr. John J. McCloy, the United States High Commissioner, wrote to this effect to Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, in reply to a recent letter by the Chancellor.

Dr. Adenauer had asked whether German legislation with the object of creating a sound competitive enterprise would be appropriate.

The announcement said that the Allies were at present considering revision of United States and British Military Government laws dealing with the re-organisation of the coal, iron and steel industries in Germany.

Reuter.

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Sears Roebuck 43

Shell Oil 35 1/2

Socony Vacuum 18 1/2

Southern Brands 23

Standard Oil of Calif. 62 1/2

Oil of N. J. 67

Studebaker 27 1/2

Union Bag 28 1/2

Carbide 43 1/2

US Rubber 33 1/2

Lines 17 1/2

Westinghouse 34

Youngstown Sheet & Tube 79 1/2

Gen. Pub. Utilities 10 1/2

Corporate bonds—moved narrowly

Higher in the Curb were

Kirby Petroleum and Colonial

Airlines—Lower was Canadian

Marconi—Associated Press.

Embargo
on steel
lifted

Berlin, February 25. West Germany lifted an Allied-sponsored embargo on steel exports to the Russian zone today and advocated more trade with the East.

East German sources showed unceasing "elation" and announced they will seek new talks on "trade expansion" next week.

The steel ban, which went into effect on February 8, was eliminated after two weeks of bargaining behind closed doors in East Berlin.

Negotiators of two rival German Republics, one supported by Russia and the other by the Western powers, issued a joint communiqué which avoided using the word "Republic" at all.

Instead, they detoured a bitter diplomatic issue by referring only to "the East-Mark and the West-Mark currency areas."

Both "areas" agreed their 600,000,000 Mark (US\$140,800,000) trade pact, which has four more months to run, should be considerably expanded.

Both agreed they would not clomp on any embargo in the future without first talking it over together—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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MARITIMES

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are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godown for examination by Consignee and the Company's surveyors. Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 1st. March 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after 2nd. March 1950 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 10th. March 1950 or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES

Hong Kong, February 23, 1950.

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Hong Kong, February 25, 1950.

Strikes spread
in France

Paris, February 25. Thousands of Republican Security Guards today cleared strike pickets but the Ford works at Puteaux, West of Paris, where 6,000 workers have been on strike for a week, and occupied the premises.

At least 115,000 Paris metal-workers were on strike for work pay by early today.

Communist-led metal workers unions in the Rhone Department, decided on a strike of "unlimited" duration to start on Monday after an interview in Lyons with employers' representatives, who declined to discuss a demand for a 3,000 francs (23 sterling) monthly bonus.

A joint meeting of Communist-led, Catholic and Force Ouvriere (non-Communist) metal-workers union leaders in Lyons decided to take a strike vote on Monday—Reuter.

Decision in
Manila oil
dispute

Manila, February 26. The Court of Industrial Relations, in a decision on the dispute between the Standard Vacuum Oil Company and its employees, ruled on the duration of probationary periods for unskilled and semi-skilled labourers.

It told the American Company that unskilled labourers should be taken off temporary status after three months and semi-skilled labourers, such as a clerk, after six months.

Judge Arsenio Roldan of the court criticised what he called unfair labour practices which left thousands employed on an insecure footing. Judge Roldan at the same time approved an agreement between the Standard Vacuum Oil Company and its employees settling a long-standing rift—Associated Press.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on March 1, 1950, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

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Hong Kong, February 27, 1950.

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"President Cleveland"	Arr. Apr. 14	Sails Apr. 15

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via JAPAN

"President Madison"	Arr. Mar. 6	Sails Mar. 7
"President Pierce"	Arr. Mar. 11	Sails Mar. 12

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"President Johnson"	Arr. Apr. 16	Sails Apr. 17

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"Mount Mansfield"	Arr. Mar. 19	Sails Mar. 21

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"President Johnson"	Arr. Mar. 10	Sails Mar. 11
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SHIP	FROM	DUE
"BENAVON"	U.K. via Singapore.	In Port
"BENALBANACH"		on or abt. 14th Mar.
"BENVENUE"		24th Mar.
"BENVANNOCH"		2nd Apr.
"BENLEDI"		7th Apr.
"BENNAWOW"		17th Apr.
"BENNEVIS"		20th Apr.
"BENCRUACHAN"		30th Apr.

SAILINGS

	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg	21st Apr.
"BENNAWOW"		18th Mar.
"BENVENUE"		
"BENVANNOCH"	Genoa, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.	24th Mar.
"BENNEVIS"		26th Apr.
"BENAVON"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Havre and Antwerp.	28th Feb.
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**THE PERFECT
SWISS WATCH**

HONG KONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1950.



(By "ROVER")

Exhibition tennis

He said: "I have repeated the situation to the club and the club has rejected the Colony card this time, by 10-1 vote. In a sense, that says I play brilliantly, but I have to be lucky when it falls on the support and court."

He said that he had been at the point first in the steady increase in popularity. "I was not surprised," he said. "I was not surprised."

Recrelo "B"	5	Paks	2
Recrelo "A"	3	Police	0
RAF	2	Dutch H.C.	2
Commandos	6	YMCA	0
Army	7	Navy	0
Club	4	Nomads	0
KITC	3	Chandt Tara	0

(By JAMES BOYD)

Fitzgibbon was very good and seems to keep improving. His ball-control stickwork and passing are first class, and his stop play has improved tremendously.

The Norwegian and Danish soccer teams which took part in the annual soccer match between Norway and Denmark yesterday. The game, which was played on the Club ground at Happy Valley, resulted in a narrow win for Denmark by one goal to nil. ("China Mail" Photo)

(By "GRANDSTAND")

in Rugby Int'l

**OTHER SPORTS
ON PAGE 3**

The first real setback for the 23rd Field Regiment RA in the San Miguel Darts League took place last week when they were beaten by the 1st South Stafford

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S. China and Saints

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First Division

S. China	3	St. Joseph's
Police	2	Eastern
Commandos	6	RAF

Second Division

South China	1	Prison's
Royal Navy	8	Yard Police
Police	6	Chinese AA
Dockyard	1	Kit Chee

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SCHOOL FOOTBALL
Senior Knockout Competition
Queen's College 2, St. Stephen's College.
King George's V 2, Wah Yan P.M. 1.
La Salle College 1, Wah Yan A.M. 0.
Junior League
Government Vernacular School 2, St. Joseph's College 1.
Anglo Chinese P.M. 4, Wah Yan A.M. 1.
Ellis Kadoorie A.M. 1, Ellis Kadoorie P.M. 1.

Police 2—Eastern

The first Division League soccer match between the Police and Eastern AA at Boundary Street yesterday failed to produce a place in the top half of the table. The Police, who had been unbeaten in a win for the Police by two goals to one.

The Eastern players were clearly upset by the robust methods of the Police, who were in the habit of tackling the players with the ball on many occasions.

Chow Ha-man, a recent inclusion in the Police team, led the attack and was one of the best players. He was the only one very unlucky not to score on several occasions when his shot hit the uprights with the goal well beaten.

The following Police right wing, was also outstanding with his fine runs down the wing and his almost perfect centres,

Timely tackling

The Eastern players played well as a team and Lau Tak-po was the star. Time again and again it was he who set the goal by his timely tackling.

The Police scored within a minute of the kick-off when Chow Ha-man brought the ball went to Tam Chung-sing, whose grounder found the net with Yuen Po-on unslighted.

Midway through the first half, the Police's goalkeeper switched around in position, but this failed to produce any results.

In the 28th minute, Yuen Yiu-lam, broke away down the left wing and scored with a rasping shot to put the Police two up.

There was no further scoring.

Occasional breakouts

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Commandos 6—RAF 1
In a one-sided First Division League soccer match played at Beckenham yesterday, Commandos beat Royal Air Force by six goals to three, thanks largely by their clear goals at the interval.
The winners played constructively in football and were without doubt the better of the two teams.
Richardson, in the RAF goal, gave a creditable performance and had no chance with any of the shots that fell him.
Commandos' Lockyer, Martin, Lewis, May, Harvey, Burgess, Davis, Weller, Baker, Hunt, Ray held.

RAF: Richardson, Cross, Cowell, Bunch, Buckle, Nelson, Mahood, Haggarty, Nicholson, Bennett, Morrow, Price.

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